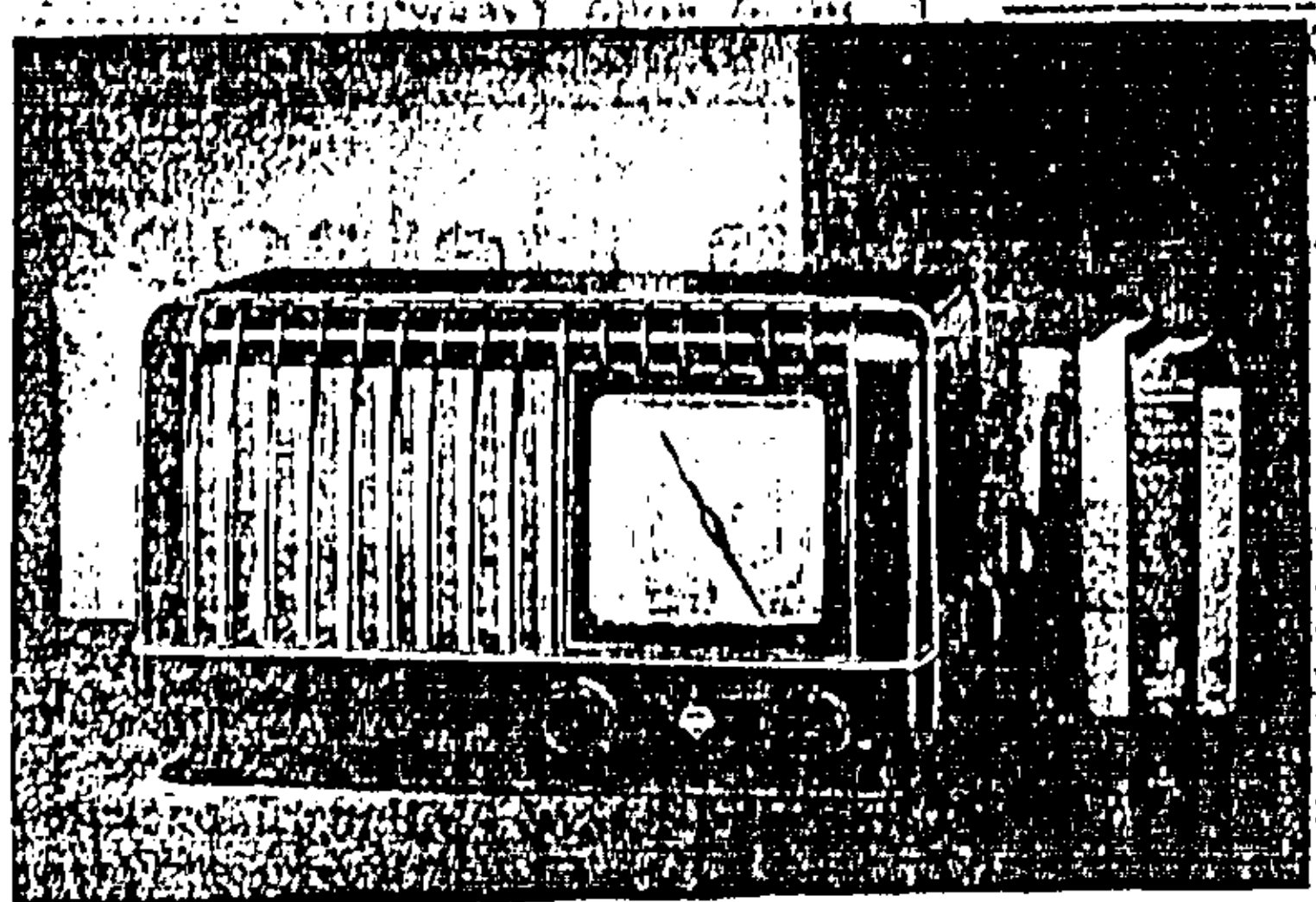


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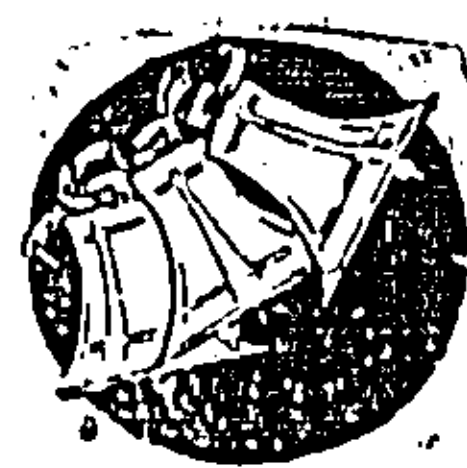
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'Guerillas' Overrun Camp, Blast Bridge In 'Battle'

BOAC Flight Extended To Shanghai

The British Overseas Airways Corporation will extend its bi-weekly United Kingdom flying-boat service from Hong Kong to Shanghai on December 17, under the Sino-British bilateral Air Agreement.

Flying-boats will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on Wednesdays and Fridays, the first leaving on December 17. Return flights will leave Shanghai for Hong Kong on Thursdays and Saturdays, the first plane on December 18.

The flying boat, which at present returns from Japan direct to Hong Kong on Sundays, will also call at Shanghai on the same day commencing December 12. The British Overseas Airways Corporation said that this arrangement of their schedules is regarded as temporary and may be altered or modified at a later date.

FETE IN AID OF SERVICES WELFARE

Flagstaff House grounds will be converted into a colourful fair on Saturday when the Army will hold its Fete in aid of Services welfare there.

The Fete will be formally opened at 2.30 p.m. Included in the many attractive side-shows and stalls will be a treasure hunt, bran tub and pony rides for children.

The refreshment stall will provide teas, leas and soft drinks. During the afternoon, the band of The 1st Battalion The Buffs, will play several musical items.

U.S. CARRIER DUE TOMORROW

The American aircraft carrier, Tarawa, accompanied by the destroyers, Buckley and Hawkins, are due to arrive at Hong Kong at 10.30 a.m. tomorrow. The United States warships will remain here for five days on an unofficial visit.

On arrival, Tarawa will fire a National Salute of 21 guns. The usual calls between senior officers will be exchanged.

FAMILY DISPUTES

The Chinese Affairs Secretariat dealt with 1,355 family disputes during the year ended March 31, 1948. The disputes concerned allegations of assault or claims for maintenance.

The Secretariat also handled 549 claims from dependents of seamen killed in the war. The claimants came from Canton, Hainan Island, Foochow and even Taiwan.

Military prisoners were also examined by the Secretariat at the request of the Military authorities.

"Guerilla bands" overrun the Tai Lam Military Camp, captured one section of the Shataukok Police Station, "blew up" the big road bridge at Shatin, and attacked the Tai Po Police Station in the New Territories yesterday.

In spite of these "reverses" in the combined Police-Army-Navy-Air Force Exercise Fultum, the situation was completely under control by nightfall.

A Royal Air Force Sunderland flying boat parachuted supplies to beleaguered army units. Royal Engineers completed a new bridge and were last night putting up an additional one—a Bailey Bridge.

The Police and Shataukok moved to an alternative station (unknown to the "enemy") and are continuing to carry out operations. The "attack" on Tai Po Police Station was successfully repulsed. The enemy was late last night reported to be splitting up into small parties and dispersing.

Britain Siam To Discuss Defence Plan

Bangkok, December 8. Britain and Siam, closely allied in fighting Communism in South East Asia, will discuss detailed plans for the defence of the Siam-Malaya frontier at a conference at Singapore this month, it was learned authoritatively here.

This news comes a week after a conference here between Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the British Commissioner General in South East Asia, and the Siamese Prime Minister, Marshal Pibul Songkram.

After the meeting, the British Embassy here announced that arrangements had been made for closer co-operation between Malaya and Siam.

Siamese sources believed Anglo-Siamese co-operation in anti-Communist operations in Siam Malaya and the frontier regions and major security problems involved in the Communist advances in the Far East countries were discussed.

The Siamese Ministry of Defence called up several thousand reservists yesterday for special training in modern weapons and Commando tactics.—Reuter.

HUMAN BONES UNEARTHED

While digging at Wong Nei Chung Gap Road near Repulse Bay at 2 p.m. yesterday, PWD coolies found human bones and a Hong Kong Police badge. Some coins and a gas mask were also located.

It is believed that the human bones are the remains of a policeman killed during the battle of Hong Kong in December 1941 when the Japanese over ran the Colony.

The Army threw a cordon around the area in which the small bands of "guerillas" are confined to prevent them from escaping. Water Police launches were also sent to patrol waters off Castle Peak to forestall any enemy attempt to flee into Chinese territory.

Long Battle

Police reinforcements from Castle Peak Station joined Army units to recapture the Tai Lam Military camp. The battle lasted an hour and a half. It was the longest incident in which the police have been involved since the beginning of Exercise Fultum.

In view of the "seriousness" of the situation at Tai Lam, other police units were ordered to stand by at Shamshuipo Police Station. If the need arose, these units would have been transported to the area on land to Brother's Point, thence by sea in a fast police launch, as the substitute bridge had not yet been completed.

A police cruising launch was also ordered to stand by offshore to pound the enemy if necessary. Information received that the enemy were equipped with armoured fighting vehicles resulted in Combined Services calling for rocket-firing Spitfires of the Royal Air Force. Artillery was also redeployed to gauge the main tank runs in the area.

Lawlessness And Disorder

Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Lamont, briefing the Press yesterday, said that "lawlessness and disorder" in the Castle Peak, Au Tau, Fanling and Shataukok areas increased during the night. The enemy continued to be bold and enterprising, and scored several successes, the biggest of which was the "demonstrations" of the Shatin bridge.

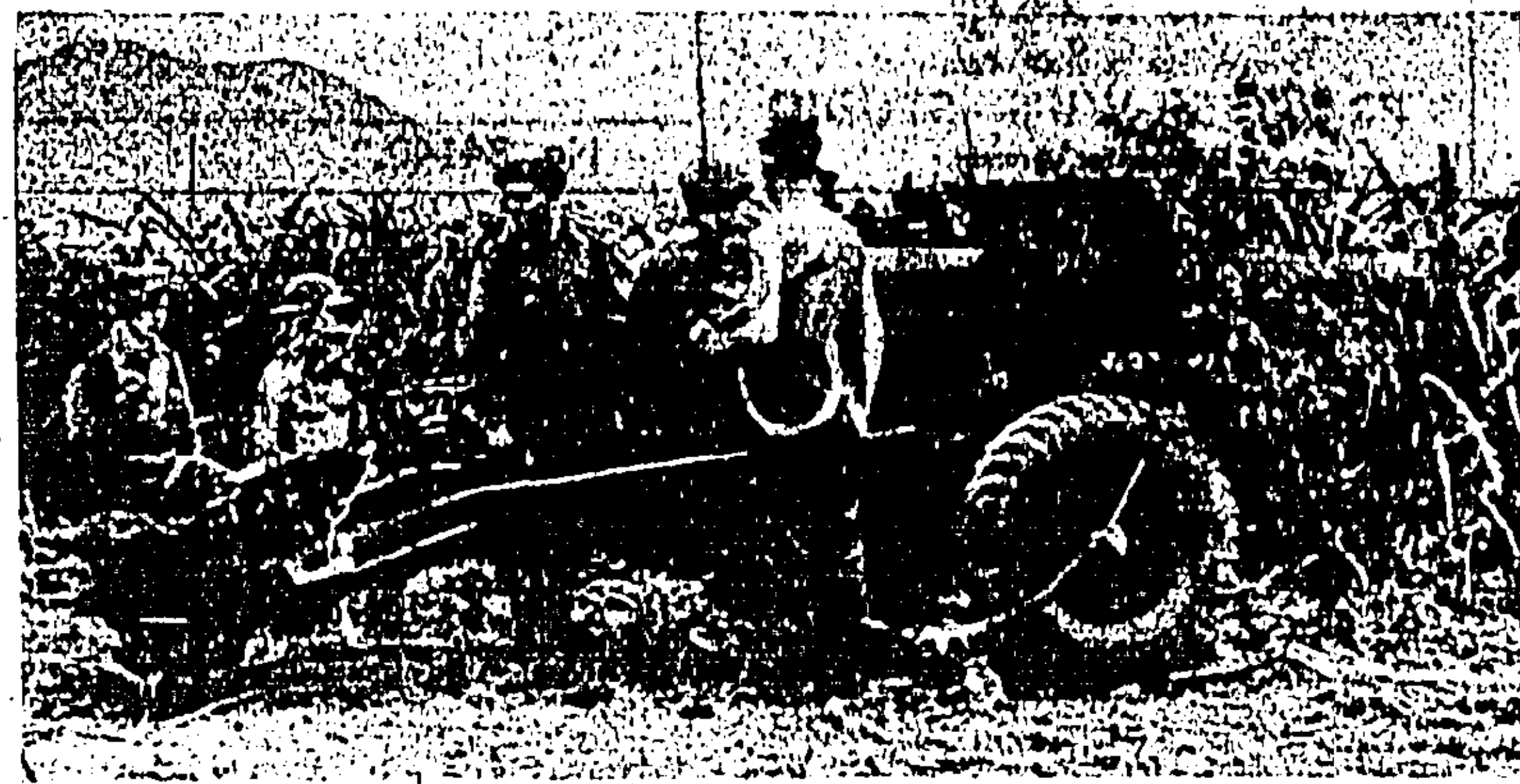
Patrols by Gurkha units, however, prevented the enemy from reaching their objectives on time. By yesterday morning, the general enemy effort was showing signs of slackening and their attacks were not being pressed home.

Last night communications on land were re-established. In addition to their operations on land, the police also helped evacuate Fultum is expected to conclude today.

COLONY'S TEMPLES

Hong Kong has at least 154 Chinese temples. Twenty-nine of these are controlled by the Chinese Temples Committee of the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs. Revenue from the 29 during 1947-48 increased the funds of the Treasury by HK\$73,680 as against HK\$120,287 from 24 temples in the previous financial year.

"Exercise Fultum"



Information that the "enemy" was equipped with armoured fighting vehicles in "Exercise Fultum" resulted in the Colony's defenders re-deploying their artillery. Photo above shows the artillerymen preparing for action near Hunter's Arms. —China Mail Photo.

Shortage Of Milk Powder Mystery

The question of where the Colony's stocks of milk powder, condensed milk, and butter have disappeared to was answered by Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox at Kowloon yesterday.

During routine searches of passengers' luggage at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station and at Kai Tak between November 24 and 30, revenue officers seized a total of 25 12-ounce tins, 100 1-lb. tins, three 17½-ounce tins, 12 2¼-lb. tins, 11 3-lb. tins, and eight 3-lb. tins of milk powder; seven 2½-ounce tins and 340 14-ounce tins of condensed milk; five 2-lb. tins of margarine; and three 1-lb. tins of butter.

These, on the application of R. Knox, were ordered by Mr. W. H. Latimer to be confiscated.

Informal Meeting Of Wing On Godown Fire Commission

The first session of the informal meeting of the Wing On Godown Fire Commission, which was a sequel to the Inquiry hearings held last month, took place yesterday at the Supreme Court.

Those present included Mr. N. D. Fox who represented the Fire Insurance Association, Mr. C. F. Terry of the General Chamber of Commerce, Captain MacFarlane, Mr. H. L. Lee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the Chief Fire Officer Mr. W. M. Smith, Mr. D. C. Caines, Senior Marine Officer, Mr. D. E. Davis, Government Chemist, and Mr. D. B. Evans.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. Justice Reynolds, stated that further evidence would still have to be taken which might effect the recommendations of the Commission to the Government in respect of measures to be taken in preventing a recurrence of such a disaster as that on September 22.

Among other things Mr. Caines, Senior Marine Officer, told the meeting that, as to the importation of celluloid into the Colony, there was no reference to celluloid in the Dangerous Goods Ordinance, but that in fact celluloid was treated as being in the category of Dangerous Goods.

Licence Needed

In reply to a question, Mr. Smith, Chief Fire Officer said that if the owners of dangerous goods wished to store them into a godown, a Licence was needed from the Fire Brigade.

Mr. Evans then suggested that the Import and Export Department handle the matter and not the Marine Department as records of dangerous goods, as the former had, it seemed, more details of the arrival of these goods than the Marine Department.

The Chairman replied by saying that the duties of the Import and Export Department did not warrant the taking of much interest in dangerous goods in particular.

Various suggestions put forward by those present were dealt with and discussed.

At the conclusion of yesterday's hearing, the Chairman announced that the next session would be held at 2.30 p.m. today.

RECORD TOTAL FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY FUND

A record collection for Remembrance Day Fund was made in Hong Kong this year. A sum of HK\$108,658.53 was collected from street sales of poppies and wreaths, and donations from the general public.

A detailed account of the collections follows:

Poppy Street Sales:	HK\$	Total HK\$
Hong Kong	20,801.27	
Kowloon	16,412.05	
Macao	1,800.48	42,014.80
Sales of Wreaths:	3,500.00	
Less Cost	775.00	2,725.00

Donations:

Response to Appeal	HK\$
HKFA Football Match	7,072.08
Cinema Shows	704.00
Church Collections	749.00
Concert, HKK Light Orchestra	71.00
KCC Poppy Day Dance	770.50
Balance from last account	146.00
Total	109,021.67

Less Expenses:

	HK\$
Printing Stationery & Postage	221.04
Concert Expenses	104.00
Miscellaneous	7.50
Total	332.54
Net Total	108,689.13

When final settlement is made, the total proceeds will be remitted to the British Legion, London (four-fifths) and the British Legion, Scotland (one-fifth).

The Chairman and Committee of the British Legion, Hong Kong and China Branch, thank all who contributed or helped to generate funds to make this year's Appeal for Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-Servicemen such a success.

There will be a presentation of poppies and awards at Government House at 4.0 a.m. December 10.

A further notice giving full details will be issued at a later date.

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RECORD OPIUM DIVAN RAIDS CARRIED OUT

Verdict Of Death From Rabies

A verdict of death from rabies through being bitten by a dog, was returned by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central yesterday, when he presided over the inquest into the death of a Chinese woman named Chan Ho, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on November 12.

Mr. d'Almeida added a rider and requested the fullest publicity be given for the benefit of inhabitants who are living in rural and outlying districts that should anyone at any time be bitten or scratched by any domestic animal, he should go immediately to the nearest hospital for treatment.

To report to the nearest police station regarding the incident. That special precautions be taken, especially in regard to dogs imported from the New Territories, to have them always muzzled when allowed in the open.

Evidence was given by deceased's room mate, Lam Mui, who gave the court an account of the happenings on the night of October 4, when a strange dog dashed into her house and bit deceased.

She mentioned that she advised deceased to get treatment, but she said it was nothing serious and applied some Chinese herbs on the wounds.

Nothing happened, she said, until November 11, when deceased felt sick and was attended to by Dr. Fok Wing-kai, who immediately had her sent to Queen Mary Hospital by ambulance.

She said she was informed the next day that deceased had died.

Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) at the conclusion of the hearing of a claim lodged by Tsang Kau, building contractor and proprietor of the Kam Ling Construction Company, against a woman, Tsui Wai-leung, of 118 Jaffe Road, first floor.

The claim, which is for \$1,501.20, was for work done by the plaintiff for the defendant at 118-124 Jaffe Road, as well as for extra work done outside the contract.

A counter claim was lodged by the defendant for \$7,046.20 as liquidated damages, her case being that the work carried out by plaintiff was unsatisfactory and that she had to employ other contractors to finish the job.

A Sale of Work in aid of local charities will be held at St. Stephen's Girls' College on Saturday. It will be formally opened by Mrs. S. W. Tso at 1.30 a.m.

Reminders

Today

Yangtze Finance Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.
Formal Opening of Morrison Hall, by the Governor, 4 p.m.
H.K. Society for Protection of Children, annual meeting, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "Cigarette Making" by Mr. John Stericker, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Men's Club meeting, H.K. Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
RAF Association, luncheon meeting, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
European YMCA, extraordinary meeting, 8.45 p.m.
Younger Set Dance, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Street Sleepers Society, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.30 p.m.
Royal H.K. Golf Club, annual general meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
British Medical Association (H.K. & China Branch), extraordinary general meeting, Cafe Wiseman, 8.15 p.m.
Speech Day & Prize Giving, Diocesan Girls' School, at school premises, 5.30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Fete and Fair, in aid of Services Welfare, Flagstaff House, 2.30 p.m.
Xmas Fair, European YMCA, West Lounge, 2.30 p.m.
SUNDAY
Toc H Club, Classical Concert of Recorded Music, Talbot House, 50, MacDonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.
Inter-School annual sports, (Final event), Caroline Hill.
H.K. Art Club, sketching class, New Territories, members assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

While the combined Exercise Fulton was in progress on Tuesday night, police on the island and in Kowloon carried out an independent "Operations Opium."

No less than 75 divans were raided in Hong Kong, and 11 in Kowloon. An enormous haul of confiscated paraphernalia was taken by the police, together with scores of keepers and smokers, who appeared in court yesterday.

Before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central, with the court room packed to capacity, the offenders were dealt with and apart from quite a few, they pleaded guilty.

The convicted keepers were all given prison terms of from six to nine months without the option of paying fines.
Smokers, numbering more than a hundred, were fined from \$100 to \$150 or prison terms of from 15 to 20 days, and those who failed to answer their charges had their bail of \$150 each forfeited.

Opium pipes, lamps and pots of opium by the hundreds were seized and all were ordered to be confiscated to the I & F Department.

Such Men Unwanted

Sentences totalling 31 months' imprisonment plus fines amounting to \$5,200 (or another 31 months) were passed on the keepers by Mr. W. H. Lathuer at Kowloon. The magistrate also recommended that they be deported as "we do not want such men in the Colony."

Of the smokers, 20 were fined \$35 (or one week's imprisonment) each, and the remainder \$50 each. The smoking paraphernalia was confiscated, while notice of conviction will be issued to the landlords of the premises concerned.
The largest divan, situated at 191 Portland Street, first floor, was raided by Inspector Franklin who seized five pipes, eight lamps, 21 pots of opium, 10 smokers, and the keeper Lau Chi.

Recently Destitute

On being charged before Mr. Lathuer, Lau was stated by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans to have been cautioned in November for being a destitute. "From a destitute to a divan keeper," commented the bench.
Sub-Inspector Chan Woot-yung noted Liu Ying-sui, also smokers, three pipes, four lamps and 16 pots of opium, when he raided an unnumbered hut at Tak-koktsui.

In the cockpit of the ground floor of 118 Nan Chang Street, five-Inspector "A" Downall found Au-yung King, seven smokers, three pipes, five lamps and 14 pots of opium.
Sub-Inspector J. P. Waldron, while on a hawkers' raid, detected a strong "smell of opium" coming out from one of the unnumbered huts along the waterfront of Nam Tan Street. He literally followed his nose and entered one of the structures, in time to see a number of men diving into the water.

Little Too Late

Five of the men were a little too late and were arrested. A search of the hut revealed 20 lamps, seven pipes, and 60 pots of prepared opium. The men were fined \$35 or a week's imprisonment.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. A. Sykes and Sub-Inspector Hung each raided three divans in the Yumai district. Chiu Ki, one of the keepers arrested by DSI Sykes, was found to have a previous conviction in October, 1947. He was sentenced to four months' hard labour and a fine of \$900, or another four months.

The other keepers were given three months and a fine of \$500, or another three months, each, with the exception of Tsui Chau who received two months and a fine of \$50 or another two months.
In a divan at 85 Oak Street, second floor, Sub-Inspector McLeod found Loung Hip, three smokers, six pipes, 10 lamps and 24 pots of opium.
Inspector J. Orem and Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

WOMEN'S HOSTEL RAIDED BY MAN

The Helena May Institute (women's hostel) was raided by a man on Monday. He ransacked drawers for jewellery, pockets for money and took some clothing away.

On Tuesday morning some of the girls found some of their pocket books and pieces of clothing outside the Institute. No arrests have yet been made.

GOLD BAR IN SECRET POCKET

A bar of gold, weighing five tael and valued at \$1,500, was discovered inside the secret pocket of a jacket worn by 62-year-old Wong Jue-fong, at the Kowloon-Canton Railway station by revenue officers on the afternoon of December 7.

On the application of Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox, and upon defendant pleading guilty to the charge of illegal export, Mr. W. H. Lathuer at Kowloon yesterday ordered the bar to be confiscated.

Personalia

Eighteen British, American, Portuguese and Italian passengers arrived in the Colony yesterday from Shanghai by the ss. Shen-king.

They included Mr. and Mrs. Muckle, of Anderson and Meyer and Company, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Honor and child, of Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hoppers, Mr. and Mrs. Evans and two children, Mrs. Brown and child, Mrs. Hillel and child, Mrs. B. P. Kuraja, Mrs. Tata and two children, Mrs. Hope De Sa and four children, Mrs. T. Hodgman, Messrs. E. Pulverino, H. S. Markham.

Mrs. M. F. Wallace, Miss A. Blumberg, left the Colony for Amoy yesterday by the ss. Heinrich Jessen.

Miss H. Weiszer arrived from Swatow yesterday by the ss. Han-yang.

The wedding took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registrar's Office of Mr. Ronald Zalpe, Prison Officer, of Stanley Prison Club and Miss Pina Lo, clerk, of 102 Austin Road, ground floor, in the presence of Mr. D. Hampl and Miss Margo.

The Reverend Father C. Villalba of the Dominican Mission, left for Foochow yesterday to take over duties as curate of a parish in that region.

Messrs. O. Sadlek and J. A. Duff, Directors of the Hong Kong Hotel Garage, Ltd., left by P&O yesterday afternoon for Manila on an official call.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday were Mrs. J. Chaulson, Mrs. R. Kelly, Mrs. D. G. Old, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Walcott, Colonel and Mrs. D. M. Hongland, Captain and Mrs. D. McAdams, Mrs. Ella Chu, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kwok, Messrs. A. E. Houseman, E. M. Allison, B. M. Platt, S. Y. Chu, H. A. Ries, H. G. Duncan, Prem Goyle and the Reverend Mr. G. Geens.

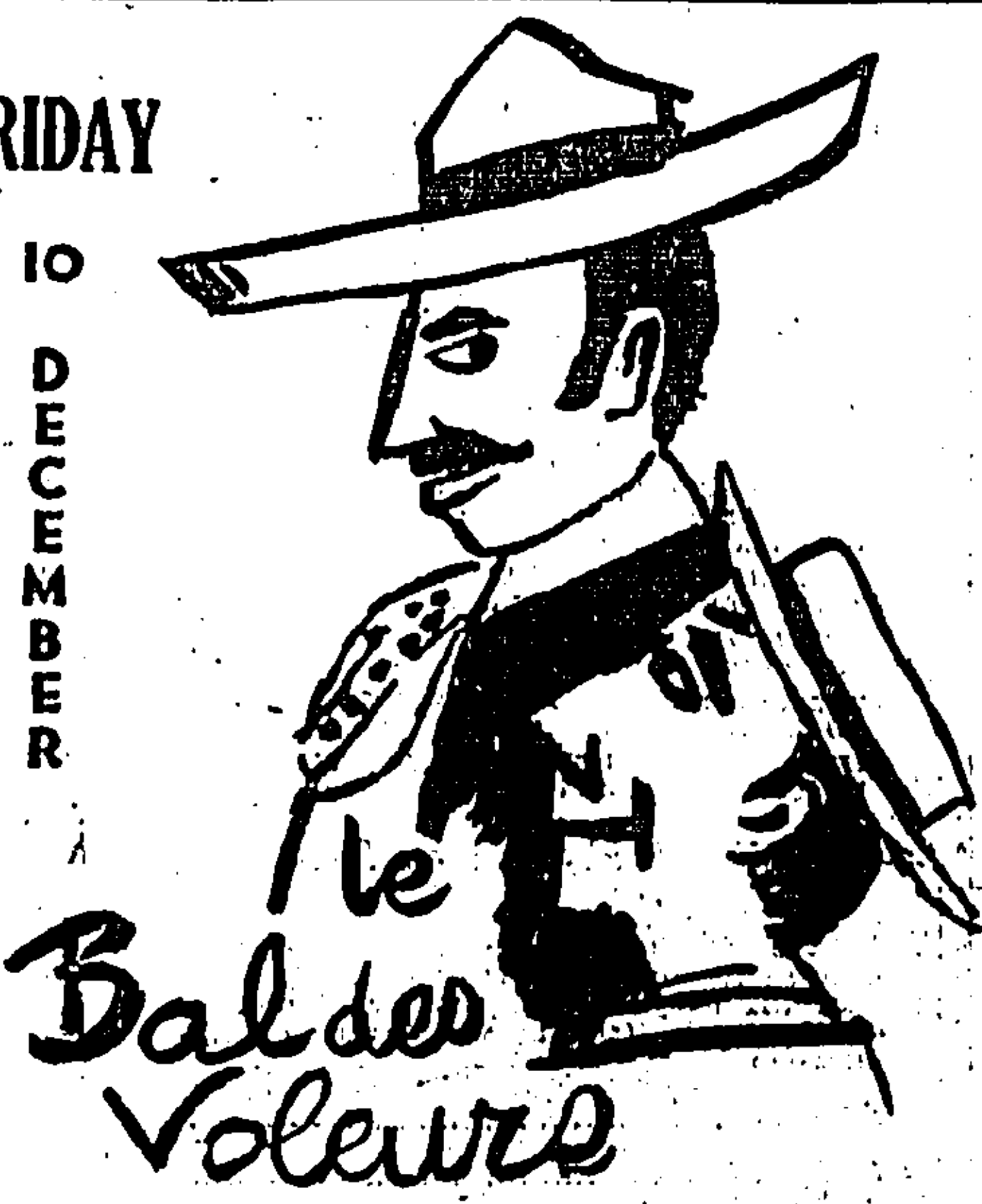
New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Messrs. Chan Nai-ning and Yang Chai-fan, Chinese Government officials, and Mr. A. W. Salmon, British Consular official.

Among other arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. F. S. Turner, Mrs. B. Turner, Mrs. Henriette Aitken, Mrs. M. M. Curtis, Dr. Allen J. Fredman, Messrs. Lin Ching-chick, H. A. Fredericks, R. J. Gifford, B. A. Lovelidge, S. Sandler, C. E. Smith, Tieng Nai-keo, Koo Chye, and P. B. K. Potter.

Mr. W. Gordon Harman, Public Relations Officer, will address the Sino-British Club tomorrow at the Cosmo Club at 5.30 p.m. The subject of his talk will be "Travels in North China".

Professor W. Simon, Professor of Chinese at the London University, will give a lecture on the similarities between Tibetan, Chinese and Manchu languages, at the Sino-British Club next week.

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Mrs. Mary Leakey, wife of an archaeologist, fondles a 20,000,000-year-old skull which she had found on an expedition. The skull is insured for £5,000 and is expected to be of great value in elucidating the problem evolution.

Special Xmas Plan For Radio Hong Kong

Radio Hong Kong will extend its broadcasting hours during the Christmas and New Year holidays, it was officially stated yesterday.

Special Christmas programmes from the BBC and the studios of Radio Hong Kong, include a special New Year party by many of the station's most popular contributors.

On Christmas Day, there will be a special request programme for listeners in civil and military hospitals from 5 to 6 p.m., given by Nan Dickinson, and a special "Unit Requests" programme from 2 to 3 p.m. will be given by Linda Cater.

On Boxing Day, Susan Howard will be giving a special variety request programme from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

On New Year Day, there will be another special request programme from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m. by Susan Howard, and also another "Unit Requests" from 6 to 7 p.m., given by Linda Cater.

Listeners who want their requests played in any of these programmes should write in to Linda Cater, Susan Howard, or Nan Dickinson, at Radio Hong Kong, Box 200, as soon as possible, marking their envelopes either "Christmas Day Unit Requests or Hospital Requests; Boxing Day variety requests; or New Year's Day Unit Requests or variety requests."

A special "Round-the-World" programme will be broadcast at 11 p.m. local time on Christmas night, followed by the King's Christmas Day talk at 11 p.m.

The hours extended follow: Christmas Day: 8 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.
Boxing Day: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and 12.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
New Year's Eve: 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 12.15 a.m.
New Year's Day: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and 12.30 p.m. to 11.15 p.m.

Judgment In Rental Case Reserved

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Pilsane Judge) on an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal varying the rental of No. 45 Hankow Road, 3rd floor, Kowloon.

The appeal was brought on the ground that the decision of the Tribunal, which comprised Mr. Jose M. Noronha (Chairman), Mrs. A. Wolfeld and Mr. Frederick C. Mow Fung (Members), was wrong in law.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau of Messrs. A.S.K. Lau & Company represented the appellant, Mr. Chan King-luen. Mr. Leo Green, the respondent, was represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva.

The rent paid in respect of the premises before the application to the Tribunal was \$350 a month. The respondent applied to the Tribunal for a decrease of \$250.

In the absence of evidence to prove that the rent payable just prior to December 1941, the Tribunal, after viewing the premises, came to the conclusion that the rent payable in December 1941 could not have been far from \$100 a month.

The Tribunal therefore assessed the rent payable to the principal tenant at \$150, exclusive of rates and taxes.

It was contended on behalf of the appellant that the respondent was no longer a tenant of the premises within the meaning of Article 4 (a) of the Proclamation.

Without Consent

The submission that the respondent had, without the knowledge and written consent of the appellant, assigned and transferred the premises in dispute to David Green; alternatively, that respondent had abandoned possession of the premises.

It was further submitted that at the hearing before the Tribunal, David Green purported to represent the respondent and that the Tribunal was wrong in deciding that, upon the evidence, the said David Green was entitled to represent the respondent.

On behalf of the respondent, Mr. Silva submitted that a binding agreement had been rendered in the matter and that the appeal should accordingly be dismissed. After further submissions by counsel, Mr. Justice Reynolds reserved judgment.

FIE ON YOU, BAR KEEPERS!

"You should blame the people that sell the drinks and not those that get drunk," was the plea put forward by Valentina Gracie, aged 48, when charged before Mr. W. H. Lathuer at Kowloon yesterday with being drunk and disorderly at Nathan Road on December 7.

The court did not agree with her point of view, and imposed a fine of \$50 or two weeks' imprisonment. Defendant announced in the dock that she was going to pay the fine.

Inspector J. Cronin said that accused had several previous convictions and was well-known to the court. The last time she was convicted on the charge of being drunk and disorderly, she was fined \$50 or two weeks.

Registered midwives are reminded that the names of all those not in Government Service will be excluded from the midwives roll if the annual retention fee of \$1 is not paid before the end of January, 1949.

Statement On Crops Harvested

J. A. Wattle and Company, Limited, issued a statement yesterday on the crops harvested by their estates in Malaya during November.

	November 1948	1947	1946
Alma	64,600 (44.2%)	110,000 (75.2%)	600,000 (400.0%)
Itatu Annam	31,500 (21.3%)	241,000 (160.7%)	450,000 (293.8%)
Chenor	62,500 (42.3%)	110,000 (75.2%)	550,000 (357.1%)
Cheng	60,000 (40.0%)	275,000 (183.3%)	600,000 (396.8%)
Rupah	43,000 (28.7%)	467,000 (311.3%)	800,000 (515.4%)
Rubber Trust	234,000 (155.7%)	481,000 (319.3%)	2,702,250 (1,713.8%)
Samasutra	63,000 (41.9%)	115,000 (76.7%)	720,000 (463.4%)
Semenau	31,000 (20.7%)	277,000 (181.3%)	550,000 (353.2%)
Rhaxhal-Malay	62,000 (41.3%)	110,000 (75.2%)	805,000 (523.0%)
Sua Manangia	10,000 (6.6%)	181,000 (119.3%)	227,000 (147.2%)
Tebong	115,000 (75.7%)	830,000 (541.3%)	1,350,000 (875.0%)

REWARD FOR INFORMATION

The reward offered for information leading to the arrest of the perpetrators of the armed robbery at the Kwong Sang Goldsmiths Shop No. 591 Shanghai Street, ground floor on November 6, and the murder of Police Constable 1157 Tang Kwen who attempted to intercept them, has been increased to \$5,000.



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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT
Medical Department
REMINDER
TO REGISTERED MIDWIVES

All registered midwives are reminded that the names of all those not in Government Service will be excluded from the midwives roll if the annual retention fee of \$1.00 is not paid before the end of January, 1949.

G. H. THOMAS,
Acting Director of Medical Services.

December 10, 1948.

U.S.R.C.
CHRISTMAS, 1948.

Cocktail Party will be held 6.30-8.30 on Friday, December 10, with dancing to the radio-gram to follow.

Christmas Dance, (Saturday, December 18).

Musical Interlude with Clarinet & Strings in the Club at 6.00 p.m. on Sunday, December 19.

Children's Party, Thursday, December 23.

Entry Forms must be returned before December 15.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that by a Deed Poll dated the Eighth day of December, One thousand nine hundred and forty eight, EDWARD DAVID BRASILE, No. 60 MacDonnell Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, Civil Servant, a naturalized British Subject, renounced and abandoned his former names of EDWARD DAVIDOVICH BRASILEVSKY.

DATED the 8th day of December, 1948.

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The Annual General Meeting of The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held in the Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel on Friday, 10th December, 1948 at 5.30 p.m.

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Trial Of
Sternist
Leaders

Acce, December 7.
Clashes between the prosecution and the defence marked today's sitting of the Israeli military court here trying Nathaniel Friedmann Yellin, described as "Public Enemy No. 2" during British rule in Palestine, and his adjutant, Matetinu Schmulevitz.

Both were charged with belonging to the outlawed terrorist Stern Gang. The group called themselves the "Fighters for the Freedom of Israel" (Lehi).

The question of whether the Lehi was a terrorist organization or not, a cardinal point in the trial, was taken up. The prosecution produced witnesses who said in evidence that people engaged in ordinary hold-ups to steal motor vehicles identified themselves as belonging to the organization.

The defence replied that these cases had not been proved in court. A representative of the Czechoslovak Airlines in Israel said Yellin had booked a seat for Prague in a plane leaving on September 19 this year under the Nathan Mor, but said he did not leave.—Reuter.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Canton, (Kowloon GPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (GPO) 4.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Kuning and Lichow; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Ningbo and Peking, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow, Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Malacca, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Swatow, 11 a.m.
Formosa via Kowloon, 10 a.m., 2 p.m.

Shanghai, 10 a.m.
Swatow, 1 p.m.
Strait, 3 p.m.

Aden and Marseilles, 1 p.m.
Amoy, 3 p.m.
Manila, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking; Airmail for Swatow and Amoy; Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

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(Hong Kong GPO) 5 p.m.

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Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Surabaya, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea
Canada via Vancouver B.C. (Par. & Reg.) 1.30 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.

Strait, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, 2 p.m.
Japan, 3 p.m.

Manila, Sandakan, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Sydney, (Par. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Tsankong, Hallow and Pakhoi via Hallow, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 6.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.

Ministers Meet



Dr. Juan A. Bramuglia, the Argentine Foreign Minister, arrived in London recently as the guest of the British Government. During his stay, Dr. Bramuglia discussed Anglo-Argentine relations with Mr. Ernest Bevin, Great Britain's Foreign Minister, and other members of the Government, before returning, as a member of the Security Council of the United Nations, to Paris. This picture shows Mr. Ernest Bevin, Great Britain's Foreign Minister, greeting Dr. Bramuglia on his arrival at the Foreign Office.

Jap Seamen's Strike
Ties Up 581 Vessels

Tokyo, December 8.

A total of 581 ships of various categories are tied up in the nation's 42 ports as more than 81,000 seamen continued their five-day walk-out.

The strike is due to end at midnight today, but union leaders said that a renewal of the strike would be called if the Shipping Employers' Association does not show sincerity in mediation efforts of the Central Labour Relations Committee.

The Japanese Government yesterday appealed to unions to negotiate through the Central Labour Relations Committee.

Meanwhile, the nation's 430,000 coal miners, although back working in pits, are ready to strike at any minute in the event that leaders of three unions decide that coal mine operators have no intention of agreeing to their demands.

Union leaders yesterday rejected the operators' offer but agreed to further informal talks with the operators.

The seamen's strike has seriously depleted coal supplies of factories.

The Central Federation of the Private Railway Workers Union, claiming a membership of 112,000, reaffirmed its intention to hold 24-hour strikes in two blocs throughout Japan on December 22 and 23 in tactics for increased wages.

The strike, if called, will cause inconvenience to millions of people in large cities.—United Press.

TIGHTENING UP
ON THE LAW

Peking, December 7.

Under a bill approved by the Czechoslovak Cabinet today, Czechoslovak lawyers will in future be allowed to practise only if they belong to one of the regional lawyers co-operatives.

They must settle their accounts through the co-operatives which will pay out shares in accordance with work done.

A second bill called for all notaries, lawyers and judges to prove themselves properly qualified to interpret the law in the spirit of the Constitution of the People's Republic.—Reuter.

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THE JUDGES OF THE COMPETITION WILL MAKE THEIR SELECTION FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHS AS PUBLISHED IN THE "WEDNESDAY SUPPLEMENT" OF THE "CHINA MAIL".

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WATCH THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY SUPPLEMENTS OF THE CHINA MAIL FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THIS NEWSPAPER WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COMPETITION.

CHINA MAIL BABY COMPETITION

I have attached the photograph I wish AGE entered for this Competition "and state that the baby's age is not over 6 months or 18 months (Delete whichever is inapplicable)

NAME: ADDRESS:

CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE
By Shepard Barclay

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LUCK IS UNDEATABLE
BRIDGE is indeed a game, not a scientifically accurate machine. In the long run, experience has shown that playing of probabilities will pan out. But on any single occasion, plain ordinary luck for one side or the other can prove unbeatable. That is as it should be. It puts the zest of uncertainty into the competition and keeps our eyes open to see what is going to happen next.

With a bland smile, he now gave up a trick with the club K to the A, knowing the Q would be available to discard the fourth heart from his hand if it didn't set up.

Don't let anybody advise you to try South's tactics for often, on the other hand, plea don't get too upset when somebody else perpetrates them successfully against you. The instant damage is but enough, without having it bother you on other hands.

Tomorrow's Problem
S Q 3 2
H A K 8
D A K 6
C K Q 4 3

S 10 8 6 5
H J 5 4 2
D Q J
C 10 8 7

S A K J 4
H A Q J 10
D Q J
C 10 8 7

S 10 5
H 5
D A Q 2
C A K 7 4 3 2

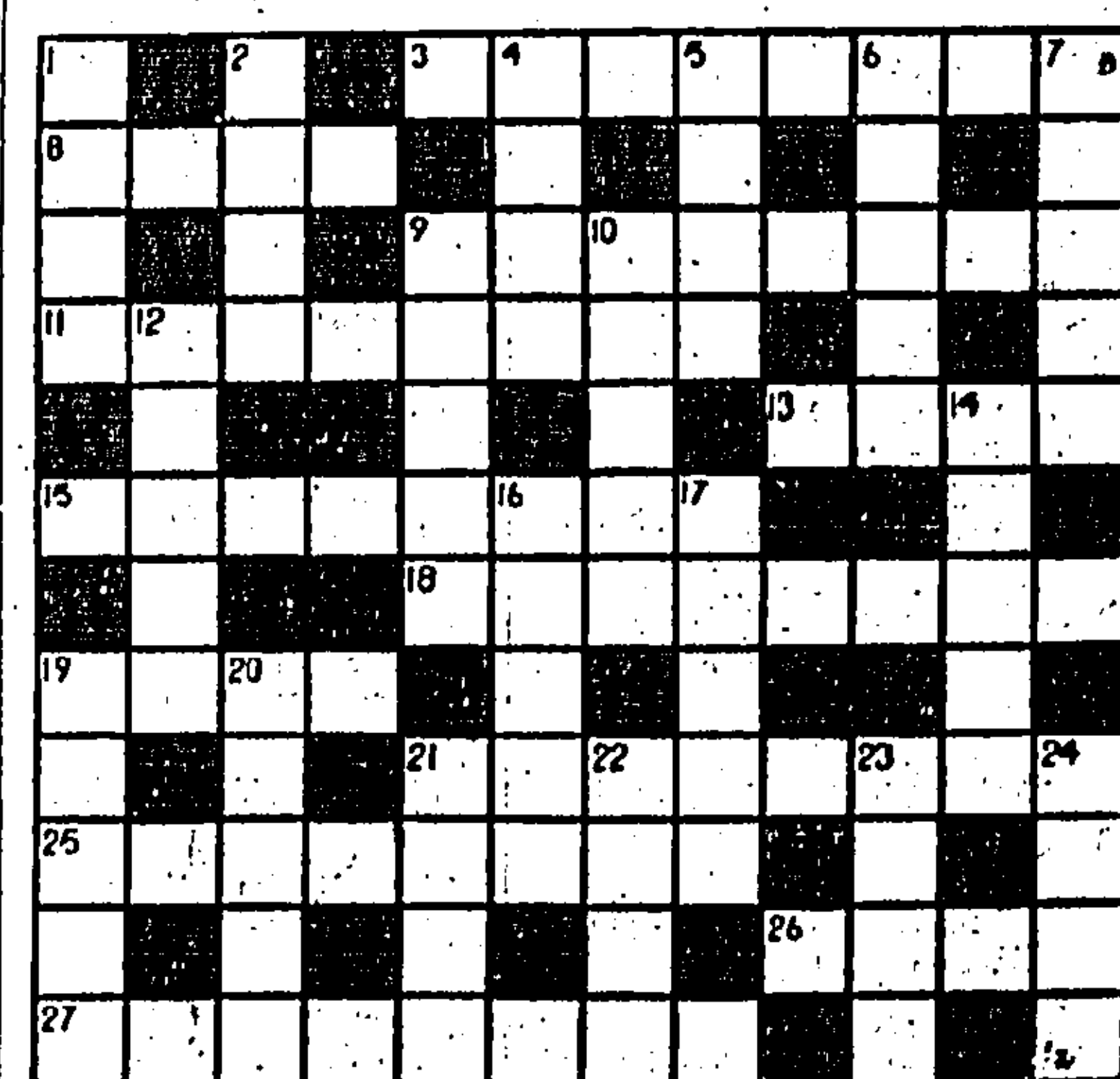
(Dealer: South. East-West vulnerable.)

You'll have to go far to find wilder bidding. But who can say South was wrong when he justified his bidding as based on "an absolute hunch." He said it with a tone which indicated it was a boast, not an apology. Knowing nothing about either women's intuitions or men's hunches, we seldom argue about them.

West's natural lead of a spade enabled South to survey the scene and note what he had to do. With a positive loser in clubs, he had

What action should follow South's 1-Club on this duplicate deal?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
3 Scampers. 16 Cuts short.
8 Assort. 19 Pace.
9 Strove to. 21 Disappeared.
equal. 25 Disclosed.
11 Music. 26 Lofly.
13 Language. 27 Omens.
15 Needs.

Down
1 Quiet. 14 Find the solution.
2 Repair. 16 Pastoral.
4 Stupor. 17 Denude.
5 Vex. 19 Denude.
6 Bury. 20 Young eel.
7 Move. 21 Valley.
8 Moral. 22 Tidy.
10 Extreme. 23 Practical.
12 Build. 24 Uninteresting.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Demand. 4 Gullid.
7 Manicure. 8 Agree. 9 Recent. 11 Emended. 13 Collide. 15 Render.
18 Abbot. 19 Altitude. 20 Treat. 21 Desire.

DOWN—1 Demur. 2 Allege. 3 Doubled. 4 Grease. 5 Intruded. 6 Defend. 10 Collaps. 12 Marbled. 13 Cravat. 14 Intact. 16 Notes. 17 Receive.

JEWS RELEASED
Nicosia, December 7.
Two hundred Jews from illegal immigration camps in Cyprus, mainly parents with new-born babies, left Famagusta tonight in the steamer Halkvah for Palestine under a special release for compassionate reasons.—Reuter.

Drink Rheingold 精飲 蘭萊啤酒
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U.S. Ready To Resume Austria Peace Talks

Washington, December 7.

The United States notified Austria today that it is ready to resume four-power negotiations for an Austrian peace treaty. Austria had asked the United States, Britain, France and Russia for the resumption of the talks.

Palestine Unification Approved

Amman, December 7.

King Abdullah's Cabinet today approved a Palestine Arab General Congress resolution calling for the unification of Palestine with Transjordan under King Abdullah.

The resolution was adopted by the Congress at its meeting held in Jericho on December 1.

The Transjordan Government will take constitutional and international measures to implement the resolution. These measures will be taken at the proper time and in accordance with the principle of self-determination.

The Transjordan Cabinet's decision stated that the Government believed it was in the general interest that a suitable solution of the Palestine problem, including the return of Arab refugees to Palestine and their adequate compensation, should be reached as soon as possible.

The Cabinet decision, reached after a short meeting presided over by King Abdullah, will be presented to Parliament—Reuter.

FILM STAR FREED BY WOMAN JURIST

New York, December 7.

A woman magistrate freed film actor Errol Flynn on \$500 bail today when he appeared in court on charges of third degree assault.

He was first held in custody after allegedly kicking a policeman early today in a dispute

which had centred on the driver of a taxi in which Flynn and a friend were riding.

He was released on \$500 bail—provided by a night club owner—but when he failed to appear in court a magistrate's warrant was issued for his arrest.

He was arrested in the Savoy Plaza Hotel and brought to court. There the magistrate who first heard the case ordered him to forfeit his bail.

Flynn, apologised for his non-appearance, saying he had overslept.

The magistrate, Davis Byrne, re-instated his bail. Looking at the actor sternly in the eyes, she warned him: "be here."

As Flynn arrived in court he remarked: "This is the worst public appearance I have ever made."

He told reporters he had failed to appear in court earlier because he had stayed awake during the night worrying about the incident and did not get out of bed until late this morning—Reuter.

the first attempt to settle a long-argued issue with the Russians by direct negotiations.

Willing To Go?

One of the chief issues which led to the suspension of the Austrian treaty talks last May was the Soviet Union's support of Yugoslav claims to Austrian Carinthia.

In view of the Cominform's bitter dispute with Marshal Tito, some observers have conjectured that Russia might now be less persistent on this issue, provided that concessions were made to Russia of certain economic questions.

It is also said in Washington that the Russians have been notably unsuccessful economically in administering Austrian enterprises in their zone. They may therefore be willing to get out of Austria for the best concessions they can get from the Western Allies.

Agreement on an Austrian treaty would, however, remove the last legal excuse for the Russians to keep troops in Hungary and Rumania to guard communications to Vienna.

Frontier Question

Observers in London believe that the resumption of negotiations depends mainly on whether Russia is prepared to modify her support for Yugoslav territorial and reparations claims on Austria.

It is believed the new move is inspired by the hope that the estrangement between Moscow and Belgrade had made Russia less inclined to support the Yugoslav claims. During the Foreign Ministers' Deputies' negotiations last May, the United States, Britain and France felt Austria's present frontiers to be inviolable.

The United States representative, Mr. Reber, concluded that no further progress was possible so long as the Big Four disagreed on Austria's frontier—Reuter.

AUSSIE FACTORY RAZED BY FIRE

Sydney, December 7.

Australian exports of canned foods to Britain will be seriously affected by a £400,000 fire which today destroyed Australia's biggest can-making factory covering an area of two and a half acres in Sydney.

Director H. Hughes said machinery was irreplaceable. Three thousand cases of raw tinplate and 3,000 cases of partly processed tinplates were lost—Reuter.

Britain's Armed Forces

London, December 7. Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Defence, told the House of Commons today that the total estimated strength of the British armed forces on January 1, 1949, will be 810,500. This comprises: Navy 144,500; Army 429,000; and Air Force 237,000.

The estimated net reduction in the size of the armed forces during 1948 is about 310,000, Mr. Alexander added—Reuter.

Spanish As A UN Language

Paris, December 7.

Eight Spanish-speaking States today succeeded in making Spanish a working language of the United Nations along with French and English.

The United Nations has always used Spanish, with Russian and Chinese, as one of its five official languages.

The addition of Spanish as a working tongue, it is estimated, will increase printing costs by about \$1,250,000 a year.

The eight countries which proposed the resolution were Bolivia, Chile, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, the Philippines and Uruguay. The vote was 32 for and 20 against, with five abstentions—Reuter.

Women Should Alter Their Hair Styles

Paris, December 8.

"A woman should change her hair style as often as dress styles change, if not more often," says Paul Edwards.

He is the young hair stylist in charge of Elizabeth Arden's beauty saloons in New York, London and Paris.

"As soon as a hair do is old-fashioned, it is aging to the woman who wears it," he says firmly. "Short hair is the vogue now and the sooner women get around to it the better they will look."

This good-looking Englishman, who spent the six war years flying with the RAF, makes a steady round of the three big cities.

On beautiful Paris models he showed how different ways of dressing short hair can conjure chic sophistication or carefree naturalness, whichever is desired. Jet-black hair, brushed back and furled into vertical sweeps at the back, had the front hair chopped short into a wave side-fringe that encroached boyishly onto the forehead. He set off this sophisticated style by slipping two colossal diamond plungers to the back and top of the head.

Bubbles Cut

A brief bob that bent outwards by the very ends and a "bubbles" cut crushed sleek to the side from a parting which ran non-stop from forehead to neck, both lent extreme youthfulness to the models. He displayed ingenuity by employing goldmesh sausage-thick

bracelets, peppered with diamonds, as curls to accompany a blonde hair style which had the hair brushed straight back from the forehead and fashioned into three huge sweeps on the top of the head.

Mata Hari

A real "Mata Hari" effect was achieved because the model wore a slinky hooded gown of black crepe.

Asked about the suitability of short hair for present day fashions, Paul Edwards said he considered it imperative for the new-type hats and new-type clothes.

"Women look like a lot of grandmothers who have their hair flapping around their necks when they wear the new-style clothes," he laughed. "I wonder why women are so reluctant to change their hair-dos. They can't realise how much a change does them good."—Associated Press.

INDIA ISSUES A DENIAL

New Delhi, December 8.

A Government spokesman today denied knowledge of any official or special invitation reported from Batavia to have been sent by the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, to President Soekarno of the Indonesian Republic to visit India.

The Indonesian news agency Antara in Batavia was quoted as saying that President Soekarno had accepted Mr. Nehru's invitation to visit India as a prelude to a lightning tour of other Asian countries to bolster support for the Republic in relation to the Dutch.

The official spokesman said Mr. Nehru would always welcome Mr. Soekarno and that the Indian leader is deeply interested in the Indonesian development. He added, however, that there had been no recent correspondence between Mr. Nehru and Indonesian leaders.

The Government had no information as to whether or when Mr. Soekarno is due to arrive in India, he said—Associated Press.

SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS AFTER

Paris, December 7.

A centenarian, M. Jean Linard, of Thionville-les-Joinville, Marne Department, has been awarded the Medaille Militaire for courage in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870—Reuter.

Britain Resumes Talks With Spain

Madrid, December 7.

Trade talks between representatives of the British Treasury and the Spanish authorities have just been resumed in Madrid.

They had been adjourned for a fortnight to enable the two parties to study means of overcoming the difficulties in carrying out the Anglo-Spanish trade agreement signed last May.

The chief difficulty is what is regarded as the artificially high Spanish exchange rate. This has been fixed for the past 10 years at 44 pesetas to the Pound Sterling.

At the present Spanish exchange rate for the peseta, the sale of Spanish products abroad has become increasingly difficult and in some cases has ceased altogether.

The Spanish Government is resolutely opposed to a devaluation of the peseta, but, on the other hand, Britain, one of Spain's most

important customers and the chief source of sterling that Spain needs to buy raw materials, is not disposed to pay the present high prices demanded by Spain.

The position is serious for Spain because the export season has just started for oranges, which normally account for about one-third of the Spanish exports to Britain.

These exports also comprise lemons, almonds, grapes, bananas, onions, tomatoes, wines, iron ore, lead, mercury, potash and many other products.

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1.30 p.m. - Symphony Orchestra.

2.00 p.m. - Close Down.

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6.01 p.m. - Luchi (Orchestral) Selections and Frederick Harvey (Ballad).

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7.00 p.m. - World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m. - Music from the Films.

7.30 p.m. - "Down Beat Discs", presented by Paul Shaw (Studio).

8.00 p.m. - "From the Editorials" (London Relay).

8.10 p.m. - University Programme "Pure and Applied Science" No. 2 - "Physics" by Professor N.F. Mott (HBCS).

8.30 p.m. - "Concerto" Concerto in D Major, Op. 61 (Beechovian) - Pitts Kreider (Violin) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

9.15 p.m. - Book Reviews "Great Books", "Shakespeare and the Human Spirit", A Talk by Professor J. Dover Wilson (HBCS).

9.30 p.m. - "Crime Gentlemen Please", A Comedy Thriller by Max Reiter with Namrata Wayne and Basil Haddock (HBCS).

10.00 p.m. - Radio News Reel (London Relay).

10.15 p.m. - Weather Report.

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Anti-TB Campaign
Greatest Ever

Geneva, December 8.

The World Health Organisation is to carry out the most extensive mass research on tuberculosis ever undertaken.

The research programme is to be organised in connection with the anti-tuberculosis campaign of the Scandinavian Red Cross and the International Children's Emergency Fund.

Expenditure of \$60,000 on tuberculosis research with material collected during the campaign was authorised by the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation.

The international anti-tuberculosis campaign provides for tuberculin testing of more than

50,000,000 children and young people in Europe alone.

Some 15,000,000 of them are to be vaccinated with the preventive drug BCG (bacillus calmette guérin).

Every person tested or vaccinated during the campaign is to be recorded in a card index, together with a full case history and observations on the effectiveness of the immunisation. All the information collected will be made available to the World Health Organisation.

The accumulation of more than 50,000,000 case histories will enable the Organisation to undertake the most extensive tuberculosis research project in history.

Basic Studies

Among the projects to be undertaken are an investigation of criteria for BCG vaccination and re-vaccination, research on the effectiveness of BCG, investigation of the level of tuberculosis sensitivity in children, and basic studies of tuberculosis as a clinical, epidemiological and public health problem. The project includes search in racial and family susceptibility to tuberculosis and response to immunisation.

A newly-discovered fungus infection, histoplasmosis, is also to be studied on the basis of statistical information gathered during the anti-tuberculosis campaign.

Histoplasmosis, which is particularly prevalent in the United States, in many aspects resembles tuberculosis, but is of a milder nature. In the past, patients with this disease have often been treated for years for tuberculosis, without effect, until the symptoms were properly identified and the correct treatment was applied.—Associated Press.

Noah's Ark
Of The Air

New York, December 8.

Attendees at the New York international airport blinked today when a Royal Dutch Airlines plane landed with a passenger list reminiscent of Noah's Ark.

Out came three orange-utans from Sumatra—one bound for the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, Colorado and the other two for the zoological park in Washington, D.C.

There was a great twittering as rare Indian, Chinese and Persian birds appeared. Included were 20 talking Minah birds—none of them talking at the moment.

Next came assorted currier pigeons, canaries and hogs from Germany destined for various individuals here.—Associated Press.

Coal Industry
Shows Deficit

London, December 7.

Britain's State coal mines, which showed a surplus of £1,503,982 in the first six months of 1946 recorded a deficit of £372,943 for the third quarter, the vacation months of July, August and September.

The National Coal Board quarterly statistical statement published today gave colliery profits as one shilling 5.0 pence per ton as against one shilling 0.6 pence in the preceding quarter.

The average weekly earnings of all colliery workers shrank by eight shillings and five pence to £7. 16. 9.—Reuter.

Names On
Their Chests

Sydney, December 7.

Because of recent mix-ups, babies born at the Royal Hospital for Women here will have their mothers' names written on their chests in a stain which will not wash off for about 10 days.

The Medical Superintendent said the mix-ups of babies had worried nurses in Melbourne. Last month the Victoria Supreme Court ruled that girls born within a few minutes of each other had been exchanged in a maternity home and given to the wrong mothers.—Reuter.

Evidence
In Cabinet
Scandal

Tokyo, December 8.

The Jiji Shimpo this morning reported that the procurators have fairly concrete evidence against six big names in Japan's unrelenting post-war political picture, including four former Cabinet Ministers.

The paper said that evidence links them with the Textile Bureau scandal case, which the Japanese press ranks third in scale to the Showa Denko and coal mine lobby affairs.

The paper carried pictures of six suspects on the front page today.

The paper predicted that if the dissolution of the Diet is delayed, the procurators will request Diet permission for arrests, as in the case of Mr. Hiroshi Ashida, who was formally served with a warrant of arrest and immediately taken to prison.

Two other Diet members were at the same time served with arrest warrants in connection with the Showa Denko scandal.—Reuter.

U.S. SPY CASE

Confidential Papers
Given To Former Red

Washington, December 7.

Three Government officials in two separate agencies gave confidential documents to Whittaker Chambers, reformed Communist, before the war.

The statement was made by the acting chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee (Representative Karl Mundt), who said the group hoped to hear two of the men in a closed session tomorrow morning.

Representative Mundt said the Committee had not made up its mind whether it would subpoena Mr. Hiss.

Files Looted

Some of the documents appeared to have come from Federal files other than those belonging to the State Department. He refused to name the agencies involved, but said the Committee had heard all three names in testimony.

Two were former officials who had never before been in the Committee and who were not quite as important as Hiss.

Meanwhile, Representative F. Edward Hebert told reporters he would press for closed Committee sessions until the Committee knows where it is going.

Mr. Peurifoy told the Committee in an open session that the documents showed there had been surreptitious looting of State Department files in the late 1930s by "someone with an ulterior motive."

Publication should be suppressed to safeguard the Government's international relations, but he had decided to let the State Department make the final decision on publication, he said.—United Press.

"SMALL MUTINY"
IN KOREA

Seoul, December 8.

A Korean Army spokesman said today that a small mutiny broke out late on Monday at Taegu, 150 miles south of Seoul, and was promptly suppressed.

One loyal officer and two rebel soldiers were killed when 20 rebels tried to seize an ammunition truck. The rebels were driven into the hills.

The spokesman gave no reason for the mutiny. The large South Korean uprising in October was blamed on Korean Communists.—Associated Press.

Highly Injurious

Representative Mundt said the reasons both Mr. Peurifoy and Mr. Welles gave for suppressing publication of the documents were entirely satisfactory.

He told reporters, "They convinced me that publication would be highly injurious to our present position."

He went on to say that the Committee may hear Mr. Chambers tomorrow night, but it depended on whether Mr. Chambers was released by the Federal Grand Jury in New York which resumed its inquiry into the Chambers-Hiss affair on Monday after Mr. Chambers had produced microfilm of documents purloined from the State Department in 1937-38.

Mr. Chambers testified before the New York Grand Jury yesterday and today. Mr. Hiss also testified yesterday.

U.S. Loan Only As
Last Extreme

Canberra, December 7.

Australia will not borrow in the United States except in the absolutely last extreme, the Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph Chifley, told the House of Representatives tonight.

He was replying to Mr. Percy Spender, Liberal, and Mr. Arthur Fadden, the Country Party leader, who urged that a dollar loan be raised either in Canada or the United States because Australian production was lagging through petrol shortage and lack of capital equipment.

Mr. Chifley said the dollar deficit could be met in only one way—by drawing on the British gold and dollar reserves.

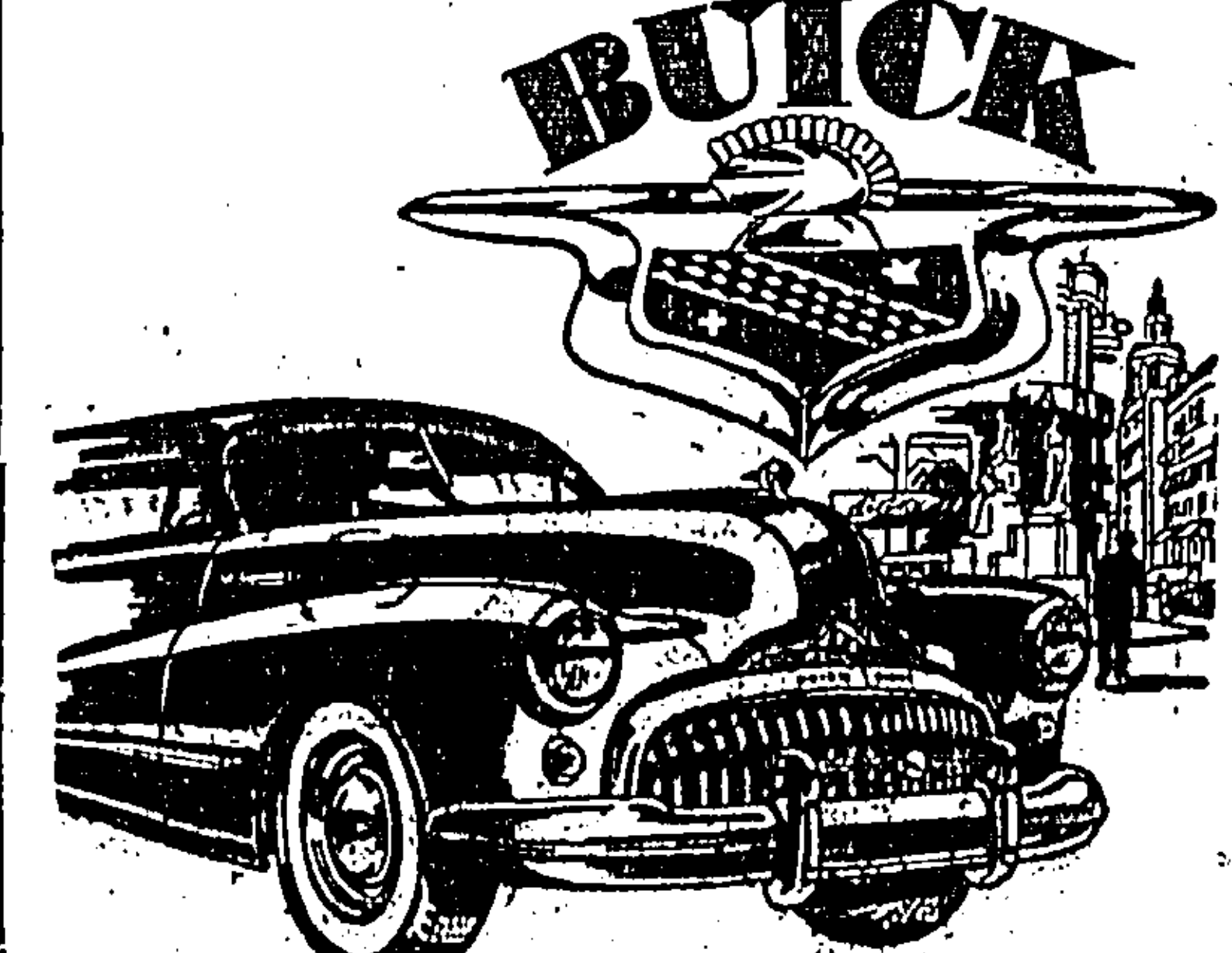
"Australia does not intend asking the British people to forgo a great many of the things they should have," he added.

Mr. Chifley said the Australian Government had decided to help Britain and Europe in a practical way. Australia had contributed Austr. £20 million to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and made gifts of £35 million to Britain.

"Those were practical evidences of our sympathy. We are letting other people do the talking. We have been responsible for the action."

Mr. Chifley declared that Australia would not be fulfilling her trust as a member of the British Commonwealth if she did not ensure that no more dollars were spent than was absolutely necessary.

He added: "The dollar shortage may go on until I have stepped down from the political scene but my colleagues and I are not just living for the hour. We are living for the future."—Reuter.



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SAVED 33
AIRMEN

Honolulu, December 8.

Thirty-three survivors of a downed Air Force transport plane owe their rescue to a search plane navigator who insisted on just one more look around before giving up the hunt.

Exhausted by 40 hours in the water, the 33 were picked up on Monday night from two life rafts in the Pacific, 1,200 miles South East of Honolulu. Four others were lost.

Lieutenant Commander Steve G. Kona, pilot of a Navy Privateer search plane which spotted them, said he was preparing to return to base at Johnston Island when Ensign R. Johnson asked for one more try.

Six minutes later, said Kona, Mochinsis Mate C. M. Kilian, the crew chief, sighted the survivors' green dye marker. The men were rescued shortly afterward by the carrier Rendova.

The survivors were reported well and happy on board the Rendova today.

They said that two went down with the aircraft, a third died and the fourth went overboard from one of the two rafts on which the survivors were gathered and later picked up.—Associated Press and Reuter.

DOCKERS STRIKE
IN BOMBAY

Bombay, December 7.

Three thousand dock workers struck today, protesting against the arrest last night of D. Merlo, general secretary of the Bombay Dock Workers' Union.

Mr. Merlo and seven other Union leaders were arrested under public security measures after a rally of dock workers.

Strikers squatted peacefully in front of the Secretariat all day.—United Press.

VICTORY'S FRUITS
BEING LOST

New York, December 7.

The Scripps-Howard newspapers today editorialised on the Pearl Harbour anniversary with a warning.

They recalled the United States' reiteration to Japan in 1941 of its refusal to recognise the puppet state of Manchukuo which Japan had set up in Manchuria.

It recounted how after Pearl Harbour the United States captured many Far Eastern strongholds taken by the Japanese and finally won Japan's unconditional surrender.

The editorial said: "But now many of the fruits of that hard won victory have been lost. A Chinese fifth column has made Manchuria a puppet state of Soviet Russia. Most of North China is under Red control and Com-

munist armies are moving into the Yangtze Valley. Even in the Philippines and Japan, Communist fifth columns are operating."

"Remember Pearl Harbour? Yes. But do not forget Russia's drive for control of the Far East. If it continues to succeed, eventually it will threaten America with dangers and costs far greater than those Pearl Harbour forced upon us."—United Press.



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NAME OF LABOUR'S SECRETARY MENTIONED BY SIDNEY STANLEY

London, December 7.

European Movement Conference

Brussels, December 7. The first conference of the International Council of the European Movement will take place in Brussels from February 25 to 28.

The Presidents of Honour, Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Paul Henri Spaak, have already agreed to attend. It is expected that the other two, M. Jean Monnet and Signor Alcide de Gasperi, will also attend.

A spokesman for the Movement's Executive Committee said the main points on the agenda at this first meeting of the Council would be:

1. The preparation of a declaration of policy of European union.
2. The drawing up of a European Charter of Rights.
3. The organization of United Europe propaganda.

SYRIAN CRISIS

Damascus, December 7. The Syrian President, Shoukri Bey El Khatib, today invited the Deputy Emir Abdel Arshad, member of the Syrian United Nations delegation in Paris, to form a national unity Cabinet to succeed that of Jamil Mardam Bey.

A former President Kachem El Atassi, had earlier reported the failure of his three-day efforts to form a Government. Emir Arshad, a former Health Minister, arrived back in Damascus from Paris on Sunday. He is an Independent.

Sidney Stanley, the key witness, told the Tribunal inquiring into alleged corruption in Government circles today that he had seen a great deal of the Secretary of the Labour Party, Mr. Morgan Phillips.

Stanley said: "If Mr. Morgan Phillips was at my place once, he was there 20 times. We went to bottle parties together. We went everywhere together."

Stanley's own counsel asked: "Was there any kind of advantage you ever sought or desired from him?" Stanley: "I have not joined the Labour Party yet."

He said he had given Mr. Phillips a few cigars and a bottle of whisky now and again. Stanley burst into laughter at a suggestion that he had been barred from entering a big London department store, Coad's, for Mr. Francis Cecil Price, managing director of the store, had suggested that Mr. Price had given him some instructions to keep Stanley out.

"Nobody has ever refused me permission," Stanley said. Asked if he had ever given a bribe of any kind to Mr. George Gibson, a director of the nationalized Bank of England, Stanley gave an emphatic "No". Mr. Gibson is one of the greatest men we have in this country," he added.

Stanley said he and his brother from America, Marcus Wulkan, had dined at home with Mr. Gibson. They had discussed the dollar situation and the export difficulty.

Mr. Gibson's Clothes
Marcus had indicated that he might be able to help in obtaining further steel from the United States and also a loan. Mr. Gibson's only concern in the proposed flotation of Sherrin's football pool competition as a public company had been that he was interested in taxation and possible nationalisation of football pools.

Referring to a suit of clothes alleged to have been made for Mr. Gibson, counsel asked: "Did it arise in this way, that you pointed out that Mr. Gibson was not dressed smartly, as a man in his position should be?" Stanley: "I said that to a lot of members of the Cabinet." There had been no suggestion, he added, that he was making a gift of a suit to Mr. Gibson. Stanley agreed that he, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, had met at a dinner to discuss the possibility of Stanley's friends in the United States floating a commercial loan for the benefit of Britain on the New York money market.

Public Interest
They had also discussed the possibility of development in Africa by joint finance from Britain and the United States. A letter from Mr. Glenvil Hall to Mr. Gibson about this discussion was sent to the Tribunal. In it, Mr. Glenvil Hall said: "I am glad you and others are taking this matter seriously. I enjoyed our meeting but have not had time for more than a casual talk with Cripps (Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer), since."

"Frankly, I am not too expectant that he will find anything to follow up so far as suggestions for the loan are concerned. Joint capitalisation for development in certain parts of Africa is another pair of shoes and I will test his reaction to it."

Stanley said he had raised this matter in the public interest. He

Influenza Epidemic in Britain

London, December 7. A British Medical Association spokesman stated today that there was evidence suggesting the danger of an influenza epidemic in Britain, but there were no signs of a worldwide outbreak.

The spokesman was explaining an earlier suggestion that an influenza epidemic was overdue.

"Our evidence came from many British doctors and is based on their experience. It refers, of course, to cases in Britain and the suggestion of an epidemic was intended to refer only to Britain,"—Reuter.

Met On Train

Mr. Gibson said he had first met Stanley on a train. He and two other men had been playing cards for small stakes and Stanley had volunteered to give some small change.

Later, he met Stanley and his brother, Marcus Wulkan, who reminded him that once when Mr. Gibson was making an appeal in the United States he had handed him a cheque for \$30,000.

Witness said he thought at the time that it was Wulkan's own money. He did not know that he was secretary for some American organisation for aid to Britain.

Mr. Gibson said he invited both the brothers to dinner and later had been to Stanley's flat 12 or 13 times. He had never had any financial dealings with Stanley except for entrusting him with £500 to invest in a carpet company.

Rejected Offer
Stanley said he had a roll of cloth for which coupons would not be needed and so a suit was made. He had asked Stanley several times for the tailor's bill.

Stanley had never given or loaned him money but had given him some sausages, some cigars and once a bottle of whisky for a night train journey.

Questioned about items in his bank account, Mr. Gibson said an entry of £2200 was from his trade union—an advance payment on account of superannuation. A later payment of £500 was from a solicitor and concerned a private matter.

Mr. Gibson said he knew Stanley was involved in a deal in which two department stores were to be merged and it was planned to float a public company.

He had not exercised any influence with the Capital Issues Committee to get the scheme through and he had not been told that if the consent of the Committee was given for public flotation, he would be offered the chairmanship of the new firm.

He had been offered the chairmanship at £10,000 a year

PROVISIONAL MAYOR ELECTED FOR BERLIN

Berlin, December 7.

Professor Ernst Reuter, leader of the Social Democratic Party which won the Western Berlin municipal elections last Sunday, was unanimously elected Provisional Mayor of Berlin today by the Western City Assembly.

Professor Reuter, who takes over from Frau Louise Schroeder, will remain in office until the middle of next month when the new Western Assembly, elected on Sunday, holds its first meeting.

Professor Reuter, aged 58, a member of the Social Democratic Party since 1912, was first elected Mayor after the municipal elections in October, 1946, but his election was vetoed by the Russians. He is almost certain to be confirmed in office by the new Assembly.

Accepting office, Professor Reuter said he looked forward to the day when Berlin would again be a united city, the capital of a united democratic Germany.

He vigorously denied Communist allegations that the three Western parties were vassals of America. He said: "We are nobody's vassals and we are in nobody's pay. We are Berliners and we are interested only in the well being and future of our city."

Soviet Criticism
Dr. Friedensburg, who had acted as Mayor since the late summer during Frau Schroeder's illness, tendered his resignation as acting Deputy Mayor. He said he was resigning in agreement with the City Assembly faction of his party, the Christian Democrats.

The meeting of the pre-election City Assembly today, at which Professor Reuter was elected Provisional Mayor, was opened by the Assembly's chairman, Dr. Otto Suhr.

Dr. Suhr sharply criticised the Soviet statement last night that Sunday's elections were illegal and invalid and that the Eastern

MAGIC IN TWO YEARS TIME

Paris, December 7. The military supremacy of the United States will be absolute in two years and settlement of the United States will be absolute in two years and settlement of the present differences would take place as if by magic, Mr. Paul Reynaud, French Premier in 1940, said in a speech at Lille today.

He added that France's military potential was today lower than that of Switzerland.—Reuter.

Senator Is Cited For Contempt

Manila, December 8.

The Supreme Court has cited Senator Vicente Sotto for contempt for his attack on the Tribunal's sentencing a newspaperman to 30 days' for refusing to divulge a source of information.

The case involves Angel Parano, staff member of the afternoon newspaper Star, who refused to tell the court the source of his story about an alleged leakage of questions in the last Bar examinations.

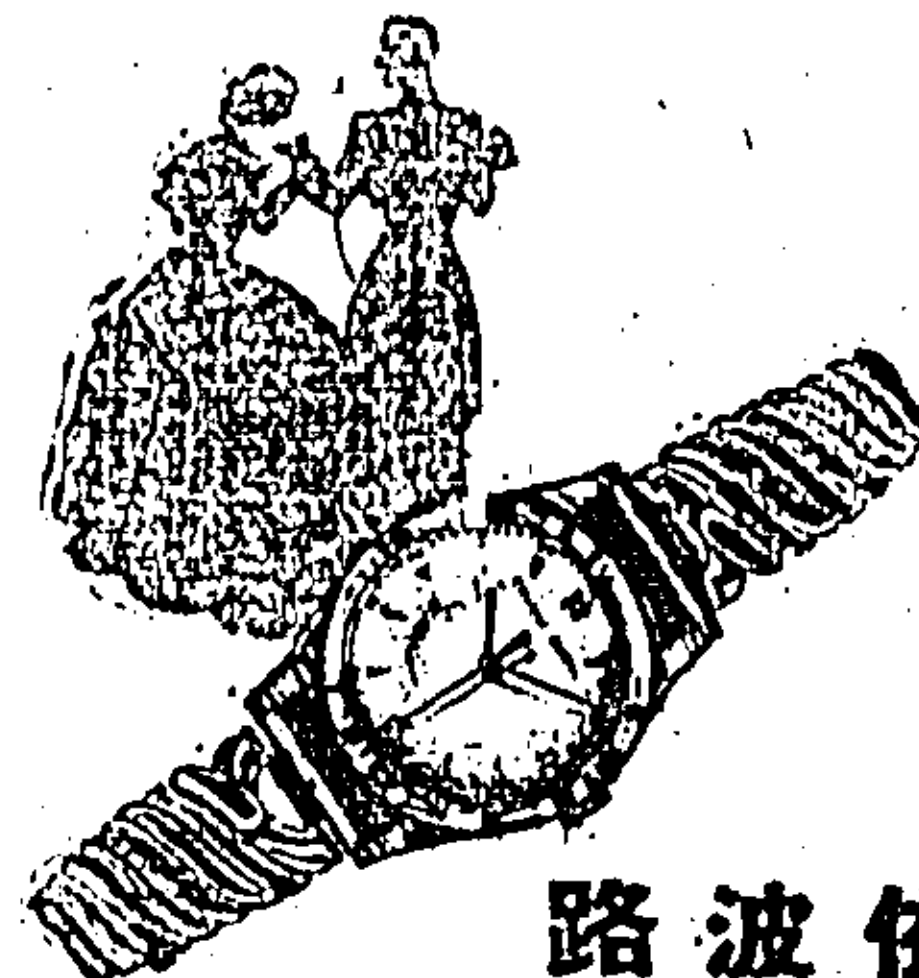
Parano has sought refuge under the press freedom law—of which Senator Sotto was the author and under which newsmen may not be compelled to reveal sources of information unless the interests of the State so demand.

In a press statement, Senator Sotto charged the Court with incompetence and narrow-mindedness and said the decision was a peril to democracy and liberty.

plus \$2,000 expenses, but had turned it down.

The Tribunal then adjourned until tomorrow. Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, tonight applied to the Tribunal for an opportunity of repudiating the allegations following Reuter's references to him today.

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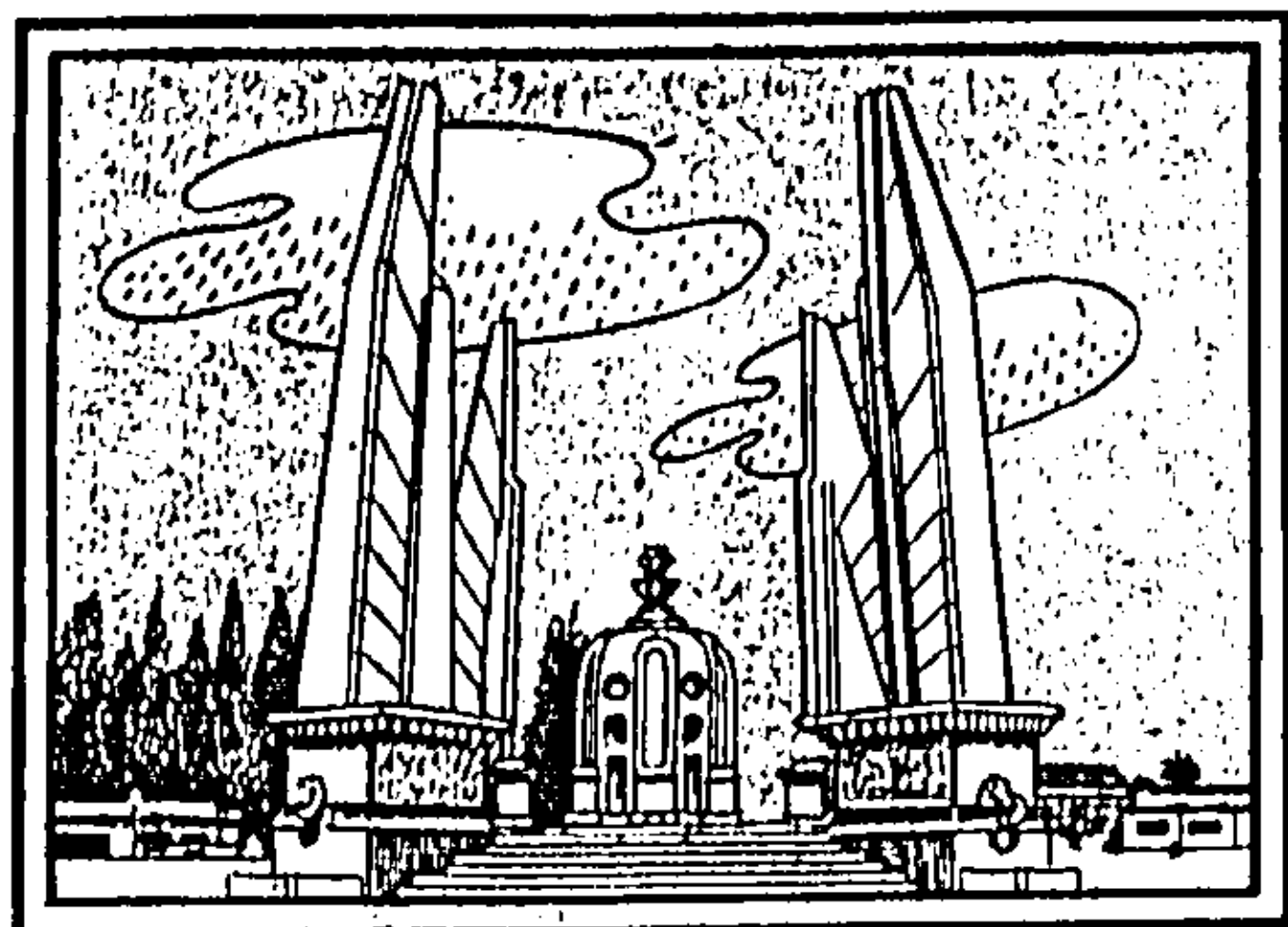
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LESLIE.—At Kowloon Hospital, on December 8, 1948, to Mary, wife of A. Leslie, a son.

THE IRISH BREAKAWAY

Some three weeks ago every newspaper in Dublin carrying the news of the birth of Princess Elizabeth's son was reported to have been sold out. Similar interest and sympathy in the fortunes of the Royal Family were displayed after the announcement of the King's illness. The argument advanced by so many members of the Dail, that the severance of the last link with the Crown will bring about a relationship between the two countries closer than ever before, is indeed a hopelessly Irish one. It is one which is possibly even accepted by a majority of Southern Irishmen today. Certainly the most sceptical Englishman will be happy to see it borne out. Nevertheless, it is difficult to feel anything but disquiet at the manner in which Mr. Costello's political manoeuvre has snowballed its way to general acceptance. The present policy is not one which anyone had expected to see proposed by the Fine Gael Party. The latter had at the last election given a specific pledge that no change was contemplated in the relationship of Eire to the Crown. It was recognised, of course, that the coalition was not an easy one to hold together. And it had been put about that Mr. MacBride had played a role in the present proposal not dissimilar from that attributed to Mr. Aneurin Bevan over the Steel Bill. But Mr. MacBride has categorically denied this allegation by saying that it was Mr. Costello who first suggested repeal. It is sad that the political heirs of Michael Collins should have assumed responsibility for the final break with Britain; and in the circumstances Mr. Churchill's strong feelings may be pardoned. It is, however, evident that Mr. Churchill's attachment to the formalities of the Constitution and to the maintenance of British predominance, in name at least, is fully matched by an equivalent Irish distaste for both. But recognition of this fact cannot invalidate his other objections. Events have moved with speed since Mr. Aitken summoned the Chequers Conference. Despite the assurances given by him during the debate on the King's Speech, there is very little evidence to show that the inevitable consequences of the breach were sufficiently stressed by H.M. Government in the course of those talks or at the latter discussions in Paris. Mr. de Valera's "polite fiction" of a Republic was a better bargain altogether. As it is, it seems likely that Eire's increasing participation in the affairs of Western Europe, will now receive a setback as a result of the difficulties, particularly in the realm of Defence, which the sharpening of the Partition problem will tend to perpetuate. It is tragic to observe the continuance of such sectarian feeling, fed on sentiments and passions quite out of tune with the times, causing this useless irritation so near the heart of the Commonwealth and inevitably suggesting dangerous precedents to some of its more distant members.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's
 Own Story Of The War
 In Europe



Ploesti oil fields, the most important single source of natural oil available to the Axis. It was worked out on an academic basis and a special staff group came from Washington to explain the plan to us. Because of heavy defences the distance to the target—the fields were in Rumania—the nature of the terrain, and the alleged efficacy of "horizontal" bombing, the plan called for a single surprise attack, conducted at treetop height and with every crew briefed to attack a particular facility in the great installation. The originators of the plan had worked out mathematical probabilities in great detail and then provided strength on the basis of double the bombers deemed necessary. They calculated that the attack could achieve near perfection in its destructive results.

One feature to which we objected was the confidence placed in the efficacy of a single attack. Too often we had found that factories listed by our experts as destroyed were again working at full output within a matter of weeks or even days. We raised another question as to the advisability of the undertaking. The target selected was a great refinery, but our information led us to believe that the enemy had a surplus of refining capacity and that his true oil shortage was in production and distribution facilities. Our doubts and objections were not, however, decisive in the matter because the air units of the Tunisian battle. To do this to be used were specially sent to us from the United States for the execution of this particular mission.

The attack was carried out, with great gallantry—five Medals of Honour were awarded—on August 1. As usual, mathematical calculations could not win over unexpected conditions, but the effort was reasonably successful. This was the second American raid against Ploesti. While I was still chief of operations in the spring of 1942 a small detachment of big planes had taken off from Near East bases on a surprise attack, but nothing was accomplished and the planes were mainly lost. Some were interned when they had to come down in Turkey. The early attempt, called the "Halverson Project" (HALPRO), because of the name of its commander, did something to dispel the illusion that a few big planes could win a war.

Development of the Sicilian plan, assigned the code name Husky, began in February. The major points to be decided were the strength of the attack, its timing, and its exact location. Manifestly we could not depend entirely upon the employment of troops that were then engaged in the danger in situations respecting timing until after the final battle in Africa, and since this date could not be accurately predetermined, all other planning would have been indecisive and commanders and staffs could not have proceeded with confidence. Considering the strength of the enemy garrison, we felt that some five or six divisions should be deployed in the initial landing. An invasion on this scale required the concentration of a very considerable number of landing craft and additional fighting vessels of the Navy.

During the spring months of 1943 we kept in constant communication with the Combined Chiefs of Staff to determine the amount of the resources upon which we could count and the time at which they could be made available. The United States staff found that it could send us a splendidly trained division, the 43rd, properly loaded on convoys for the assault. In addition we had the 3rd, which we did not plan to use in the Tunisian battle. Moreover, our plans called for the release of the U.S. 1st Division from the Tunisian battle area as quickly as success was sure. These three divisions, reinforced by the 2nd Armoured Division, still in Morocco, paratroop elements of the 82nd Airborne Division, and Rangers were to make up the American portion of the assaulting forces. On the

British side it was determined to bring into the assault a Canadian corps from England, while the Eighth Army was able, some time before the end of the Tunisian campaign, to detach part of its strength to prepare for the Sicilian assault. These forces were to attack Sicily in early July, and all preparations were based upon the keeping of that target date. Because of the location of our troops and embarkation points, the convoys would converge upon the island from the East, the West, and the South.

Selection of the assaulting area was a complicated problem. From the standpoint of ease of approach from our scattered ports, protection of our communications, and the nature of the coast line, the South Eastern portions of the island looked favourable, yet the supply staffs were convinced that a force of the size contemplated could not be maintained over available beaches. Even assuming the early capture of Syracuse on the Eastern coast of the island, the technical experts flatly stated that without additional ports the operation would be defeated by lack of reinforcements, ammunition, and other supplies. The alternative was to arrange the attack so as to gain quickly more points and ports of entry, but since strength in landing craft was limited, each of these attacks would be relatively weak. Experience up to that time led us largely to discount the quality of the defence to be put up by the Italian formations. In the coming operations they would be defending their own territory, which could easily make a great difference.

Our Intelligence staffs were vitally concerned with the strength of the German garrison. We felt—and later experience proved that our estimate was reasonable—that if the German garrison at the time of attack should be substantially greater than two fully manned and equipped divisions, then the assault as we were planning it was too weak and we would be wise to defer the operation until we could effect a greater concentration of our own forces.

Because of the estimated inability to supply several assault divisions and their reinforcements over the Southern and Eastern beaches, we studied and tentatively adopted a plan that contemplated assault by echelon, beginning in the South East, followed by a second one in the South, and a third in the vicinity of Palermo on the North coast. The idea was that each would provide air cover for the following one and the result would be to give us a number of beaches and ports at the earliest possible date, thus facilitating supply.

The idea in such an operation was that failure in any particular assault would cancel out the following ones, and even if initial landings were successful, later concentration would be difficult, and we ran the risk of defeat in detail. This last possibility we did not consider serious unless the attack could not begin. The German strength defending the garrison should reach the danger point, namely, substantially over two divisions. But the plan was complicated and that is always a disadvantage. At first, however, it appeared to be the only possible solution to the problem.

As time went on it was evident that the German was moving to stiffen up the garrison in Sicily, but our information led us to believe that he had not yet attained, or at least passed, what we considered to be the critical level.

No one really liked the plan for echelon attack. Its implications, dispersion, and successive rather than simultaneous assaults were cited as risks outweighing the chance of defeat through lack of port facilities. Montgomery, especially, always a believer in the power concept, desired to throw heavy forces into the South Eastern portion of the island. The supply staffs were again required to study the problem, and now they came to a more optimistic estimate than they had some weeks previously.

This change resulted from the unforeseen availability of a considerable number of LSTs, and the quantity production of the "duck," an amphibious vehicle that proved to be one of the most valuable pieces of equipment produced by the United States during the war. Incidentally, four other pieces of equipment that most senior officers came to regard as among the most vital to our success in Africa and Europe were the bulldozer, the jeep, the 2½-ton truck, and the C-47 airplane. Curiously enough, none of these is designed for combat.

With considerable quantities of improved equipment in sight, the supply staffs agreed that their estimates could be markedly revised upward, and plans were crystallised on the basis of the British forces moving against the Eastern coast and the American against the Eastern part of the Southern coast.

Before leaving this point, a word upon the "might-have-been" of the alternative. Some professionals and others have since vigorously asserted to me that if we had correctly evaluated the low combat value of the huge Italian garrison we would have stuck to the "encircling" plan and so overrun the island in ten to fifteen days rather than in the thirty or more eventually required. Moreover, it is alleged, we would have captured the German core of the defending forces instead of merely driving it back into Italy. It is possible that with Syracuse, Gela, and Palermo quickly in our hands we might have been able to capture Messina, the key point, before the Germans could have concentrated sufficiently to defeat any of our attacks. But not even by hindsight can it be said with certainty that the whole Italian garrison would quit—I still believe that we were wise to concentrate as much as possible, and to proceed methodically to the conquest of an island in which the defending strength was approximately 350,000. In any event the simple, simultaneous, attack became the adopted plan.

To conduct the British portion of the attack General Alexander designated the Eighth Army under General Montgomery, and the American side General Patton, who had been brought out of the Tunisian battle in the middle of April, was placed in command. General Alexander was to be in immediate charge of the ground assault; his headquarters was designated Fifteenth Army Group. While these plans were still in preparation, study indicated the desirability of first seizing the island of Pantelleria, roughly between Sicily and the North Eastern coast of Tunisia. This island was popularly known as the "Gibraltar of the Central Mediterranean" and was assumed by many to be unassailable. It possessed an airfield from which Axis planes were able to operate against us but, more than this, we badly needed the airfield ourselves in order to supply additional air support for the Sicilian attacks. Except for small numbers of P-38s, we were still using the short-range British Spitfires and American P-40s, and to bring their bases closer to their intended target would be of tremendous advantage.

Topographically Pantelleria presented almost dismaying obstacles to an assault. Its terrain was entirely unsuited to the use of

airborne troops, while its coast line was so rocky that only through the mouth of the island's one tiny harbour was it possible to land troops from assault boats. We would obviously have to use an attack of a blasting nature; that is the volume of fire on the point of attack would have to be so great that, in spite of the lack of surprise, our assaulting troops could get ashore and make good their position.

Many of our experienced commanders and staff officers strongly advised against attempting this operation, since any failure would have a disheartening effect on the troops to be committed against the Sicilian shore. However, Admiral Cunningham, in particular, agreed with me that the place could be taken at night cost. We based our conviction upon the assumption that most Italians had had a stomachful of fighting and were looking for any good excuse to quit. We believed that if the island were subjected for several days and nights to an intensive air bombardment, denying the garrison any chance for sleep or rest, the assault, if supported heavily by naval gunfire, would be relatively easy. The garrison might even surrender beforehand.

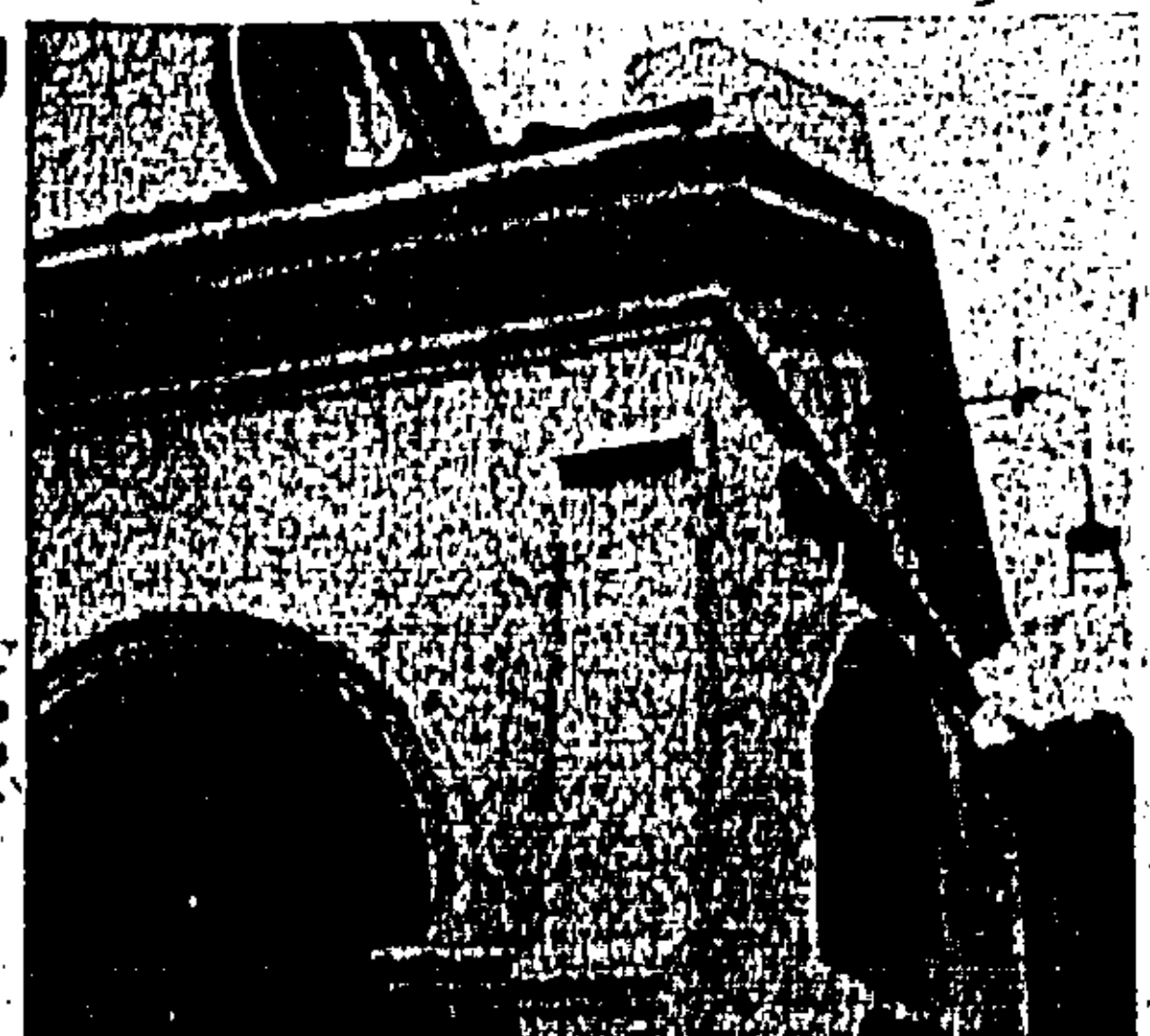
We proceeded on this assumption, since our air force had now grown to the point where a bombardment of the kind contemplated could be readily carried out. Air Chief Marshal Tedder, General Spatz, and the air forces became enthusiastic supporters of the project. In a period of six days and nights approximately 5,000 tons of high explosives were dropped on the eastern portion of the island and in such a limited area that the concentrations achieved were greater than any we had previously attempted.

In the actual outcome the capture of Pantelleria was so easy—the garrison surrendered on June 11, just as our troops were getting into their assault boats from the larger ships—that few people had any inkling of the doubts and fears that had to be overcome in launching the operation. Indeed, objection had been so pronounced that I resolved to make a personal reconnaissance immediately prior to the assault date in order to determine for myself that the defences were sufficiently softened to assure success. This reconnaissance took the form of a naval and air bombardment of the island two days prior to the attack, conducted so as to appear to the defenders to be a real assault and to simulate as nearly as possible the actual operation contemplated for D-day and H-hour. Admiral Cunningham and I boarded a British cruiser at Bone one evening, and during that night steamed eastward at full speed to join the squadron assembly near Pantelleria. Cunningham told me that the whole area was mined except for a narrow channel we were following, which had been swept. This prompted me to ask, "Are there no floating mines about?" His answer was, "Oh yes, but at this speed the bow wave will throw them away from the ship. It would be just bad luck if we should strike one."

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MADAME CHIANG SEES TRUMAN TOMORROW

Will Meet President And Wife At Blair House A PURELY SOCIAL VISIT?

Washington, December 8.

President Truman will meet with Madame Chiang Kai-shek on Friday, the White House announced today.

The Presidential Secretary, Charles G. Ross, said the wife of China's Generalissimo will be the guest of President and Mrs. Truman at 5 o'clock tea. Madame Chiang will be accompanied to Blair House—the temporary residence of President and Mrs. Truman—by Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Ross was asked whether Mr. Truman would hold a separate conference with Madame Chiang as well as receiving her for tea. He replied that all he knew was what he was announcing.

Asked whether other guests would be present, Mr. Ross replied: "No."

Madame Chiang is in the United States on an unofficial mission of seeking aid for China's hard-pressed Nationalist Government. She arrived last week.

Madame Feng In Harbin

Shanghai, December 7.

The Communist Radio said today that Madame Feng Yu-hsiang, widow of the "Christian General," who died in a fire in a Russian ship on the Black Sea in September, arrived in Harbin last night with the ashes of his remains.

Disclosing that the Marshall was en route to China, Communist areas at the time of his death, Madame Feng passed life in the Soviet Union and announced the capitalist system in the United States.

She said that Marshall was cremated and his funeral in Moscow was attended by high Soviet officials.

Madame Feng added, "A tiny handful of Wall Street financiers and oligarchy is running the whole U.S.A. and the atomic crisis is nearing."

She praised Russia as a "healthy vibrant land where women can do whatever the men can."

She predicted the downfall of the Nationalist Government and said that United States and cannot save it. United Press.

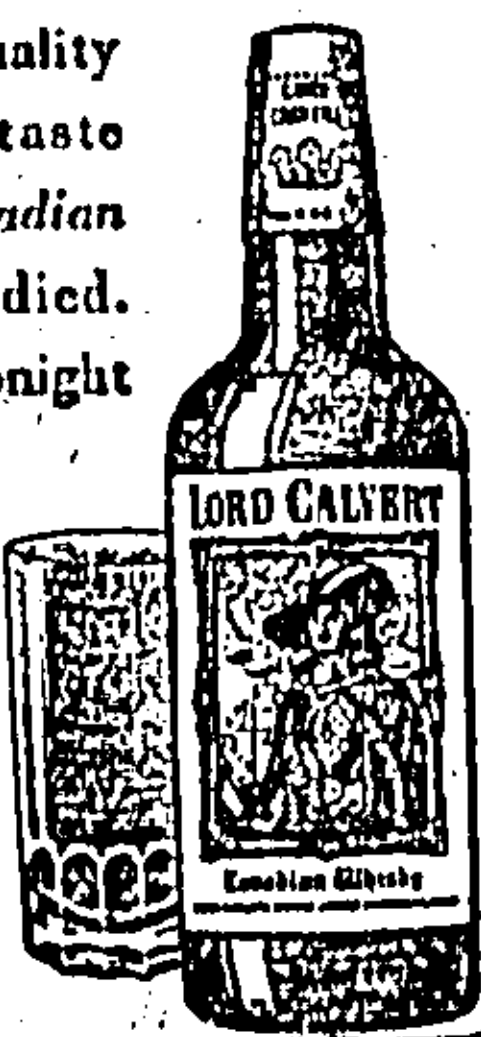
AUTHORISATIONS FOR CHINA

Washington, December 8. The Economic Cooperation Administration said yesterday it issued US\$151,782,000 worth of procurement authorisations for China from last April to November 15.

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Chinese Envoy Sees Bevin

London, December 7.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, conferred with the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Cheng Tien-shi, who was the first foreign diplomat Mr. Bevin met after his return from a holiday.

Informed Chinese circles said the Ambassador informed Mr. Bevin on the military, political and economic situation in China in view of this week's foreign affairs debate in Parliament. They did not exclude the possibility that the Ambassador may have enthusiastically sounded out British assistance for the Chinese.—United Press.

MARSHALL OPERATION FOR KIDNEY TROUBLE

Washington, December 7.

Mr. George Marshall, 68-year-old Secretary of State, was successfully operated on for kidney trouble today.

A State Department announcement said the Secretary is doing excellently and that no complications are expected.

Neither the Department nor the hospital authorities would specify exactly what Mr. Marshall's illness was nor how serious the operation was considered.

The result of the operation may determine whether Mr. Marshall, who has been in hospital since his return from Paris on November 22, remains Secretary of State.

The State Department's announcement said the operation was decided on after an examination last summer. But because of the Paris conference the operation was delayed until today.

President Truman told a press conference last Wednesday that he had asked Mr. Marshall to stay in the Cabinet and Mr. Marshall had agreed.

Doing Fine

At the same time the President said he had received no information about Mr. Marshall's health.

Mr. Marshall will be 68 on December 21. Officials at the State Department said that the Secretary of State had been fully informed of world developments and had continued to work on papers at the hospital.

In Mr. Marshall's absence, the Under-Secretary of State, Robert A. Lovett, is in charge of the State Department.

Seven hours after the operation, Mr. Marshall was reported to be still getting along fine.

Kidney Removed

A hospital statement said no complications have developed and added that no further reports would be made until tomorrow.

From sources outside Mr. Marshall's official circle it is learned that the surgeon removed a kidney.

This would mean that the Secretary of State would be away from his desk for several weeks at least. In the absence of complications such operations usually require a convalescence of three to five weeks.—Reuter.

HEALTH PROBLEM OF CHILDREN

Lake Success, December 8.

The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund said in a report issued today that under-nourishment among children in Europe has increased generally but is particularly serious in Austria, Czechoslovakia and Eastern Rumania.

Two doctors who made a personal survey reported a picture of stunted growth, chronic under-feeding, defective hygiene and diseases like tuberculosis and malaria and paratyphoid infection.

The Fund is now giving supplementary foods—mostly milk and fish oils—for about 4,000,000 children in Europe.—Reuter.

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Action By Russia Called Hostile

Paris, December 8.

Preventing wives from leaving their country with foreign husbands, is hostile to the United Nations Charter.

The practice was today condemned by the United Nations Legal Committee, which approved a resolution on the subject.

The committee previously had heard Russia accused of violating elementary human rights.

The resolution added that in the case of diplomats, this is also contrary to diplomatic practice and endangers friendly relations between nations.

Voting on the resolution was 25 to six, with six abstentions.

Professor Alexei Pavlov, Soviet delegate, replying to criticisms by Chile's representative, said he regretted the Chilean Government should choose men born blind to occupy their high diplomatic posts.

The Chilean and British delegates strongly protested against the terms used by Dr. Pavlov.

The Chilean representative described them as even more slanderous and insolent than customary.

Uproar At Rome Trial

Rome, December 8.

Public uproar caused a suspension today of the trial of Prince Valerio Borghese, former commander of the anti-partisan brigades during Mussolini's Fascist Republic Government.

Borghese told the court that the partisans were assassins of innocent persons. He said the partisans shot others in the back.

Members of the public shouted "Well done, Borghese. You are right." Prosecution lawyers jumped to their feet shouting that the demonstration had been planned. Defence counsel began vehemently to deny this and the court president rang his bell to restore order.

When able to make himself heard, the president suspended the session until tomorrow.—Reuter.

SUEZ CANAL COMPANY

Cairo, December 8.

Egypt will require the Suez Canal Company to comply with the new company law under which 40 per cent of its directors must be Egyptian nationals, the Egyptian Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mahmoud Riad Bey, told the Senate here tonight.

The company which claims exemption on the ground of its special international status, will be sued if it does not comply, the Minister added.

The company is French-controlled. The British Government holds 44 per cent of its shares.—Reuter.

SOONER IT COMES THE BETTER

Wiesbaden, December 8.

Two Russian former airmen today said that war between Russia and the West was inevitable and that the sooner it came the better.

American officers said the two men—Anatoly Barsov, former Red Air Force pilot, and Peter Pirgov, ex-navigator—since they arrived here as guests of the United States Air Force three weeks ago.

Government officials told newsmen they have been notified that several concerns may reduce staffs and otherwise curtail operations. They said no firm has disclosed the intention of quitting the major China port city entirely.

American as well as British commercial interests are concentrated there.

Administration Wary

Since the Chinese Communist armies pushed their advance to the approaches of Nanking, U.S.

Siamese Reserves Called Up

Bangkok, December 8.

Siamese Army Headquarters today announced plans to call up thousands of reservists for three months' special training in the use of modern weapons and commando tactics.

The announcement followed talks with Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, United Kingdom Commissioner for South East Asia, concerning defence of the borders against Communist infiltration.

The question whether Britain and the United States should arm five Siamese battalions with modern weapons also was discussed.

Siamese men are required by law to serve two years in the Army. The reservists to be called for special training are those who received only one year military training between 1941 and 1946.

Army officers also will receive special training in anti-guerrilla tactics.

General C. H. Boucher of the Malaya Command and other British officers are to confer at Songkhla about December 20 to review the whole question of border defence.—Associated Press.

MRS. PANDIT IN BRITAIN

London, December 7.

Mrs. Vilaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's chief delegate to the United Nations, arrived at Northolt Airport, London, this afternoon from Paris.

An official of India House said Mrs. Pandit's visit was unofficial. She would leave for India on Thursday.—Reuter.

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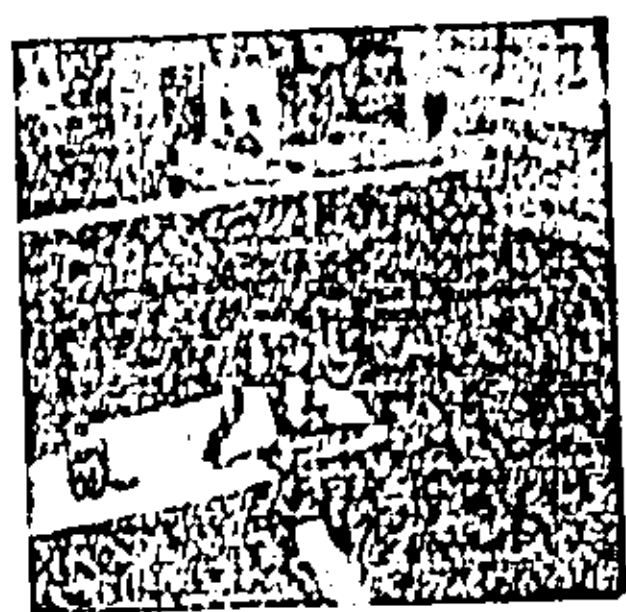
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BBC WILL ADHERE TO PROVEN STANDARDS FOR TELEVISION

BY J. T. DICKINSON

A statement made on August 24 this year by the United Kingdom Postmaster-General, Mr. Wilfred Paling, marked the beginning of a new epoch in British television.

In effect, the statement gave Governmental recognition to the Television Advisory Committee's recommendation that there was no technical justification for changing the fundamental transmission standards used since 1936 by the Television Service of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

This decision was important because television receivers are made to suit particular transmission systems and will not reproduce pictures transmitted by different systems.

The British standards are based upon an interlaced 405-line picture, and some subsequent television transmissions in other countries have employed standards based upon larger numbers of lines. It has been suggested, therefore, that by retaining the 405-line picture, British television is unnecessarily handicapped and cannot produce a picture of such good quality as systems using more lines.

This inference is fallacious, but is fairly widely believed, because the number of horizontal lines in a television picture is very commonly referred to as the "definition" of the picture, whereas it is in fact only one factor contributing to the definition.

Technical Basis

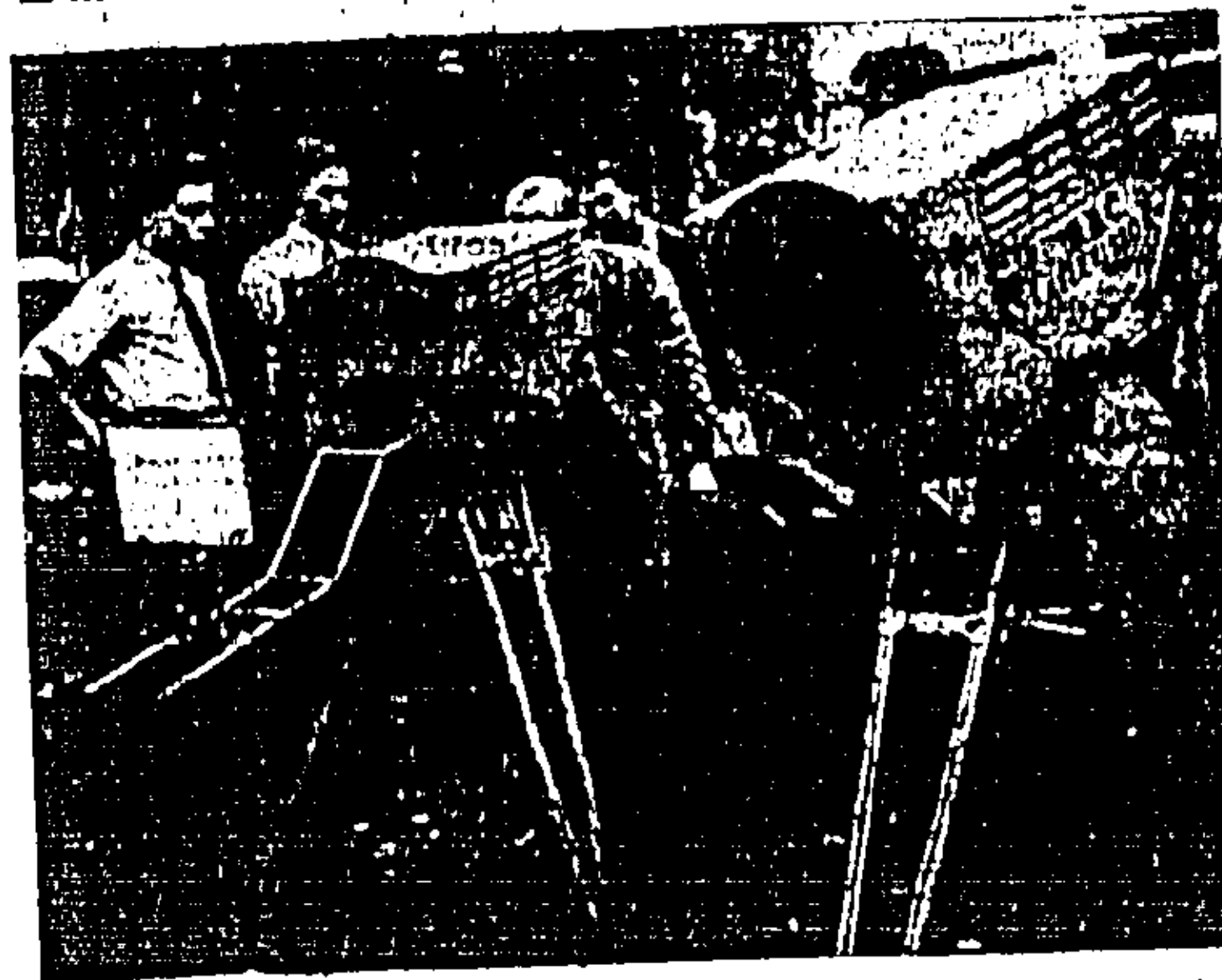
If you consider the manner in which a television picture is scanned, you will realise that the number of horizontal lines determines only what may be called the vertical definition, and then only when the size of the scanning "spot" obeys certain conditions. For any particular number of horizontal lines there are certain limits to the appropriate definition along the lines, because the possibility of being able to resolve very much finer detail in one direction only does not produce a clearer picture.

The horizontal definition measures the ability of the system to follow rapid changes of light and shade encountered by the scanning beam as it travels along a line. Very fine detail will produce components of corresponding higher frequency in the vision signal, that is, the electric wave generated by the television camera and, to reproduce these, the system must be capable of effectively transmitting, from the camera to the cathode-ray tube of the receiver, a wider band of frequencies.

It will be understood, then, that the highest modulation frequency that can be effectively transmitted by a given system is a much more reliable guide to the quality of that system, and, in fact, this will determine the maximum desirable number of horizontal lines, and any increase in the number of lines above the number determined in this manner may, instead of improving the picture, result in less satisfactory reproduction.

When, some 15 years ago, the standards to be adopted for the then projected British high-definition television service were being considered, it had to be decided what was the highest modulation frequency that could be effectively transmitted on the carrier-wave frequencies likely to be suitable and available television. If an unnecessarily narrow band-width had been standardised, the quality of the picture would be restricted and the full possibilities of the system could not have been utilised.

But if too wide a band-width were fixed, then it would be essential to use correspondingly higher carrier-wave frequencies, which would make transmitting and receiving equipment more



Two of the new 'C.P.S. Emitron' television cameras being set up by technicians of the BBC in preparation for televising the events at the Empire Pool at the Olympic Games.

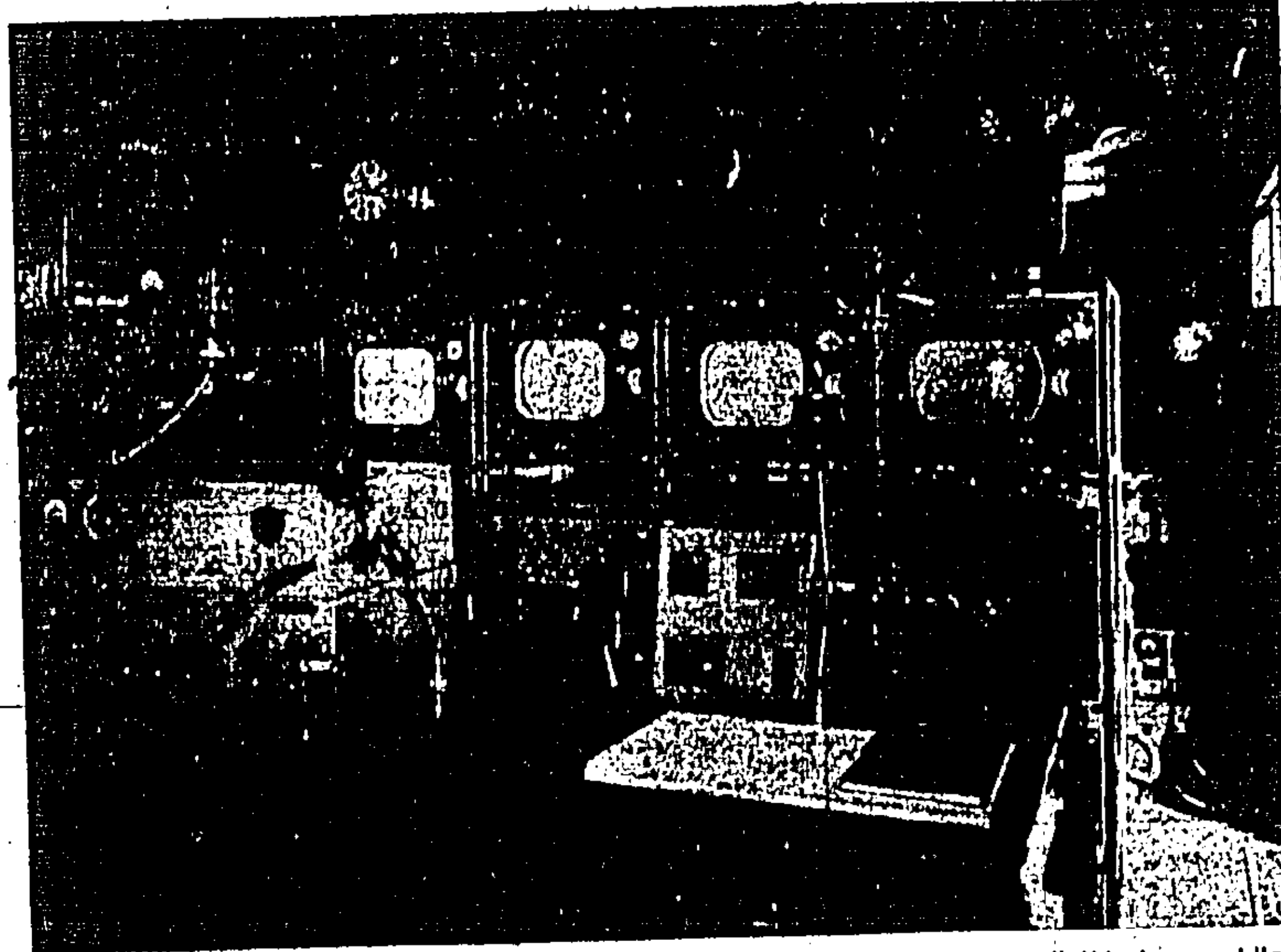
expensive, and this lack of balance always results in a less satisfying picture.

Practical confirmation of this occurred as a result of the recent Olympic Games, held in Britain, as Lord Trefgarne, Chairman of the Television Advisory Committee, pointed out in a statement which amplified some parts of the Postmaster-General's statement. The B.B.C. Television Service gave very complete coverage of the Games, and visitors to London from all over the world had the opportunity of studying television contending with a wide variety of conditions, as there was sometimes very bright sunshine and at other times heavy rain.

Both indoor and outdoor events were televised, at midday and in

going ahead very satisfactorily. It is situated at Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, and when completed it will serve a population of about 6,000,000 people. This wide service will be obtained by using a vision transmitter rated at 35 kilowatts peak power—twice that of the Alexandra Palace transmitter that serves London and the surrounding counties—and an aerial mounted on a mast 230 metres high.

The transmitters are being manufactured by Electric and Musical Industries, Limited, and by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Limited. The single aerial array is of very novel design and distributes both the vision and the sound signals almost uniformly in all horizontal directions. At first the Sutton



Looking very much like a scene from "The Shape Of Things To Come," this is a mobile television control room used for the first time in televising events at the Empire Pool during the Olympic Games.

expensive, reduce the effective range for a given transmitter power and greatly increase the risk of "ghost images" caused by the energy reaching the receiving aerial by paths of different lengths.

Standards Agreed

It is generally agreed now that standards based upon a three-megacycles per second band-width and a 405-line picture also represent the best compromise between picture quality and receiver cost. The actual choice of 405 as the number of horizontal lines arises from certain practical considerations, including the necessity of having an odd number of lines for an interlaced picture and a convenient relation between the line and picture recurrence frequencies. Similar computations for other published television standards, in nearly every case show marked differences between the horizontal and vertical defini-

tions. Visitors from countries where there is yet no television were evidently impressed, but the most interesting point was that visitors familiar with other television services seemed reluctant to believe that such clear picture were obtainable with a 405-line system.

Same As Human Eye

Now, however, the sensitivity of the most recent British television cameras is equivalent to that of the human eye and they are in addition practically panoramic. The result is that plays may now be televised from theatres with the normal stage lighting and without inconvenience to the audience in the theatre, and in normal studio work the camera lenses may, if desired, be "stopped-down" to give great depth of focus.

The construction of the first post-war television station in

Coldfield station will broadcast the same programmes as Alexandra Palace, and for this purpose it has been necessary to provide circuits over the 200 kilometres between the stations capable of handling the wide vision band-width referred to earlier.

New Receivers

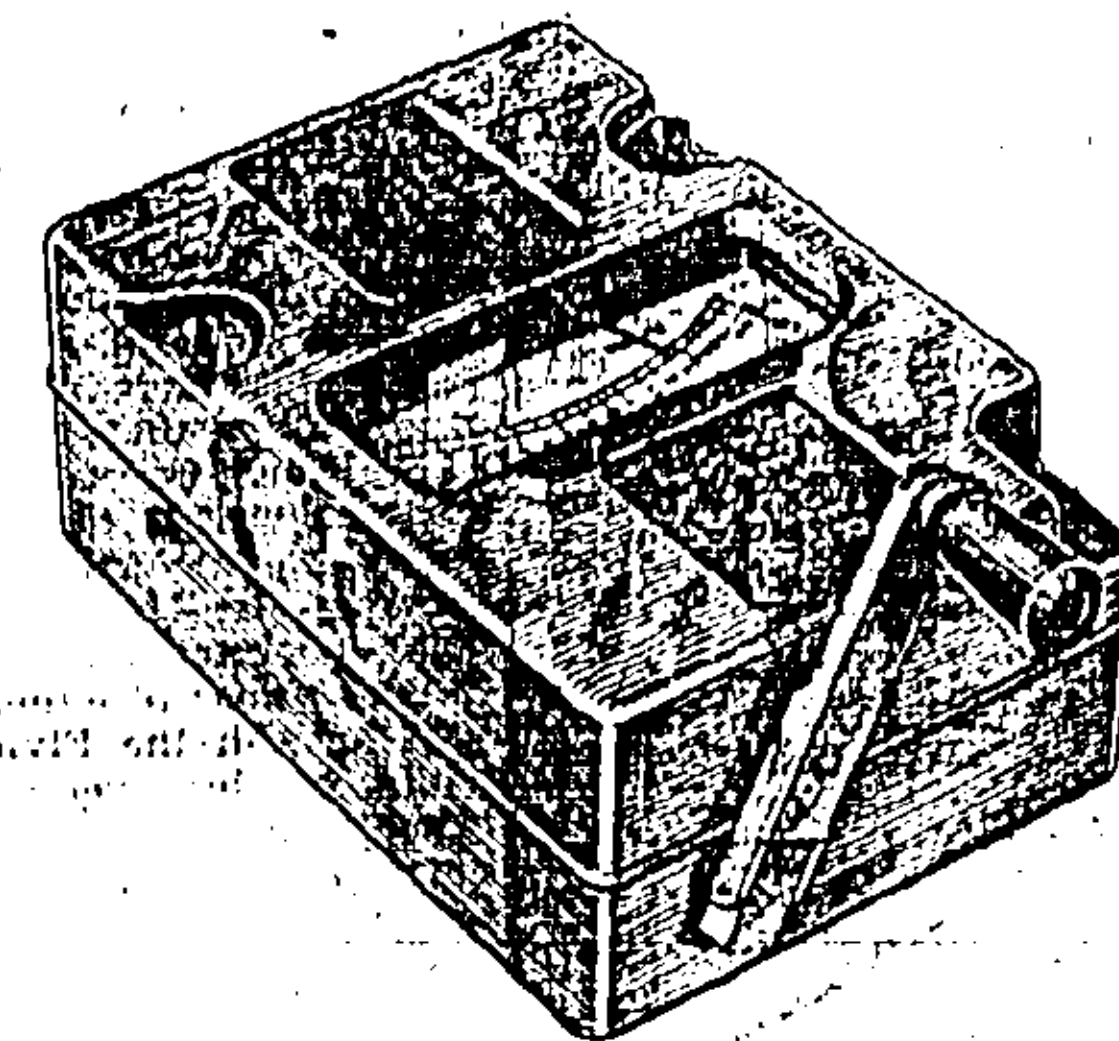
The sale to the public of television receivers continues to keep pace with the increasing rate of manufacture. Indeed the manufacturers report a flood of orders for television receivers from the Midlands, following the recent announcement by the B.B.C. of the frequencies to be used at Sutton Coldfield, in spite of the fact that the programmes will not be available in that area until the autumn of 1949.

The new receivers incorporate many improvements deriving from British wartime radar and communications advances, and these help to produce brighter, clearer pictures. At the same time the receivers are more reliable, less bulky, easier to maintain, and have fewer controls to adjust than previously.

Unlike in the United States, practically all television receivers in Britain are in private homes and it is rare to find one in a restaurant, bar or club. Thus (fact is recognised in the presentation of the programmes, which are produced and timed in a manner appropriate to small audiences of individual families. It has also resulted in a relatively small demand for projection receivers, although these are available, because the directly-viewed tubes are perfectly adequate for normal home audiences.

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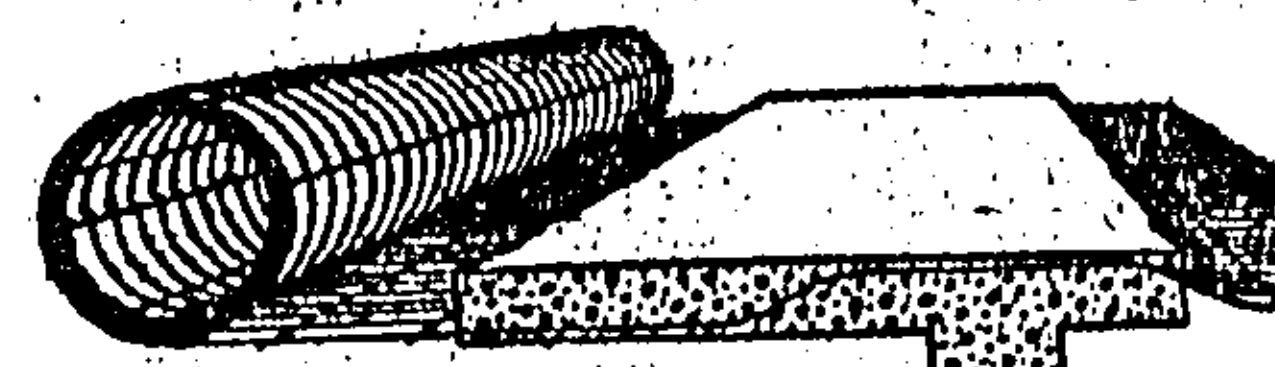
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FIRST SHIPMENT OF U.S. ARMS ARRIVING AT CHINESE PORTS

Shanghai, December 8.

The first shiploads of arms to China from the United States under the \$125,000,000 military aid programme are arriving in Tsingtao, Tientsin and Shanghai.

Visible proof is in the shape of 2,000-pound block-buster bombs aboard a junk fleet anchored in Soochow Creek, directly in front of the U.S. Army Shanghai headquarters in Broadway Mansions.

A few days ago the entire dock area where the U.S. Army transport, Republic, docked, was surrounded by thousands of cases of plane parts, machine-guns and ammunition which had to be moved from the docks before the Republic could be loaded.

It was known that some supplies bought under the military aid programme from U.S. supplies and services in the Pacific Islands are being diverted directly to General Fu Tso-yi for the battle of North China.

The picture of the shiploads of ammunition lying at Shanghai docks is not a new addition to the Chinese war scene. Delays of days, sometimes weeks, in relaying war materials from the Shanghai docks to the war fronts—even materials urgently needed by field commands—were due directly to treaties held by foreign governments with the Chinese Government which ban foreign shipping from inland waters.

Thus, shiploads of anything coming to China destined for inland or on the coast must be unloaded in Shanghai and piled at docks, godowns or aboard junks and lighters.

Here they await the leisure of Chinese shipping concerns in relaying the supplies to where they can be moved direct to the battlefield.

Military Appeals

Shipping concerns, including the Government-owned China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, are so powerful that they have been able to prevent any move which might open up rivers and coast ports to the United States and other foreign ships, even if they are confined to relief and military supplies.

It was recalled that the new Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, in an interview with the United Press, said one of the first things he would seek would be the opening of rivers to U.S. shipping. On the following day, Dr. Sun Fo was visited by shipping representatives, which resulted in Dr. Sun Fo qualifying his proposal to include relief and arms ships only. The desperate situation facing military commanders in North, Central and Eastern China was indicated in appeals coming direct from Provincial Councils, Governors and Commanders to Major General Claire L. Chennault in support of either his plan to re-establish the Flying Tiger force or a modified version which would give front line commanders the support which they need acutely.

General Fu Tso-yi, and the Shanai Governor and Commander, Yen Hsi-shan, the Hopen Provincial Council and others relayed their requests to General Chennault for aid. General Chennault told the United Press that he had not yet been notified that his plan was written off in Washington.

Not Too Late

But General Chennault added that before he could proceed with a selection of American personnel needed, it would be necessary for the State Department to give dispensation from the inability of prosecution rule that Americans cannot fight for foreign governments. General Chennault is still convinced that it is not too late for the Nationalist armies to turn the tide if two things are done:

1. Abandon positional warfare and fight the Reds with their own game.
2. Give ground forces proper support aerially either through the new Flying Tiger set-up or overall Chinese Air Force war methods.

Pointing to the arrival of the first shipments of arms under the

U.S. military aid programme, General Chennault said they have been months in arriving but it is still not too late to help the Government if these arms are thrown into the battle at the right time, right place and in the right way.

Explosion Danger

A United Press correspondent accompanied a U.S. Army major who inspected the unguarded block-busters and who was in a floating ammunition dump which he said could level the 18-storey Broadway Mansions to the ground if the bombs were set off.

He growled, "Any Red in Shanghai could start the bombs going." He recalled the Labour Day week-end when a cargo of 50-pound bombs showed up at the same spot, requiring a strong U.S. Army protest to the Chinese Government before it was moved away.

Half a mile away, the U.S. cruiser, Astoria, the communications ship, Henrico, and the British cruiser, Sussex, are anchored. Crew members on the Henrico shuddered when informed of an explosive cargo riding on unguarded junks. Not even an ordinary policeman was in sight, let alone military persons.—United Press.

NAZI CORPORAL RIEPIEVED

Frankfurt, December 7. General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor in Germany, has commuted the death sentence passed on Heinrich Riepi, a former corporal in the German Army, at Dachau a year ago for shooting a wounded Allied airman in 1944. He will serve life imprisonment.—Reuter.

Personal Rights Are In Danger

Des Moines, December 8.

Mr. W. W. Waymack, Atomic Energy Commissioner, is afraid individual rights are in danger of extinction on grounds of national security.

In an address here last night he said the discovery of atomic energy makes national security considerations paramount. Everybody working in an atomic energy project must be investigated by the FBI from the cradle; indeed from before the cradle to this moment, he said.

Mr. Waymack added: "Therefore, we have become in a sense and in a not negligible degree a nation of doers. We come to a situation in which our old and deeply held principles of judicial procedure in the protection of individual rights are not wholly applicable, have had to be modified and in which there is a grave danger of modifying them practically to extinction."

Because atomic energy must be a Government monopoly for security purposes it has given a tremendous further push to big government, he said. The United States proposals for international atomic controls go beyond the concept of a league of sovereign nations and approach world government, he continued. Mr. Waymack said peacetime and military uses of atomic

Czech Purge Continues

Prague, December 7. The staffs of the Czechoslovak Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Czech missions overseas have been purged following the recent escape abroad of a departmental chief, Dr. Heydrich.

Heydrich escaped with his wife and son last November. About 30 members of the Foreign Ministry, including some high officials, were affected by the purge.—Reuter.

Anti-Communist Berlin Walk-Out

Berlin, December 8.

Approximately 150 technical experts joined the anti-Communist walk-out from the BEWAG electrical combine here today as 2,450 labourers refused to return to their jobs in the Russian sector BEWAG offices.

Mr. Rudolf Wissel, technical director of the Electric Corporation in Western Germany, said another 450 are expected to join the walk-out later today.

Workers boycotting the Russian sector BEWAG headquarters began arriving at Shell House, modernistic company headquarters in the British sector, at mid-morning. Some brought suitcases and others carried rucksacks on their backs. These contained what few possessions they were able to bring with them in their flight from East Berlin.

The workers left the Russian sector headquarters in protest against the police guards placed around the plant on Russian orders and against the failure of the Communist city administration to release six of their fellow workers from jail.

Live In Russian Sector

Of the first 450 who showed up at Shell House this morning it was estimated 100 lived in the Russian part of Berlin. Mr. Wissel

said a request is being made to the Western Military Governments to find then places to live in the American, British or French sectors. They fear Communist reprisals should they return to the Soviet district.

BEWAG is the largest electric power combine in Berlin. It controls most of the power stations handling electric current for the entire city. It has large plants located in both Eastern and Western Berlin.

The walk-out has forced a virtual split in the company. Protesters yesterday forced the resignation of Mr. Hand Witte, Communist member of the BEWAG board of directors. However, Mr. Witte immediately was named by the Commissioner for BEWAG installations in the Russian sector.

Workers arriving at Shell House said they were searched by Communist police guards last night when they left the Russian sector plant headquarters.

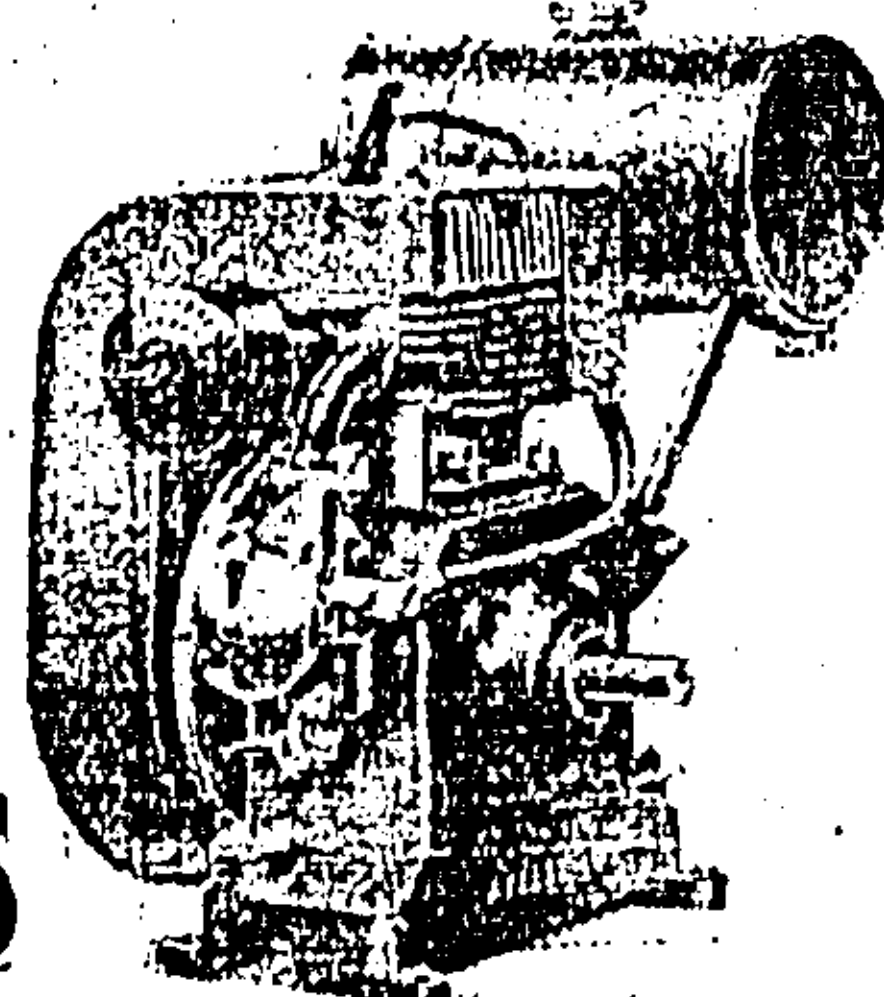
Officials at BEWAG in the British sector said the most necessary office equipment, including typewriters, machines and typewriters, have been smuggled out of the guarded Eastern headquarters in the past few days.—United Press.

CEASE-FIRE EXTENDED

Haifa, December 7. United Nations officials said here today that the cease fire between Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem has been extended to include the Latrun area, along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway.

A two-weeks' cease fire agreement between Israeli and Israeli forces covering the central front was reached yesterday.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN GOES AHEAD WITH DEMOLITIONS

Kiel, December 7.

About 300 German workers defied the trade union ban and assisted British naval parties when blasting began on shore defences and sea walls today.

Headed by the Burgomaster of Kiel, Andreas Dayk, and the president of the Schleswig-Holstein Landtag, Carl Ratz, between 20,000 and 30,000 Germans took part in a protest demonstration in Kiel. There were no incidents.

Thousands of marchers demonstrated in Kiel, Eckerfoerde, Nuemuenster, Flensburg, and other towns in Schleswig-Holstein Province in protest against destroying the buildings, shore defences and sea wall at the Eckerfoerde war-trace naval torpedo station.

As the demolitions began this afternoon, work was stopped in the towns. In Kiel, thousands of workers attended a protest demonstration before the Town Hall, sponsored by the trade unions and political parties.

In Eckerfoerde, crowds stood in the streets after a rumour that the Schleswig-Holstein Premier, Hermann Huedemann, and his Cabinet would lead a protest march to the British Regional Commissioner, Mr. William Asbury.

Workmen Strike

A spokesman for the Premier told Reuter, however, that the Government had no intention of leading any procession.

About 10 workmen employed by the Military Government at Surenford village near where the demolitions were carried out struck as a protest. German trade unions have banned work at the station.

The Schleswig-Holstein Ministry of the Interior stated that the workshops which the Germans wanted saved because of the shortage of buildings for factories had not been bored for explosives nor prepared for demolition.

Social Boycott

Mr. Asbury said last night that the station played a considerable part twice in a generation in the most dangerous threat to Britain's security. A total of 140 buildings—the limits of the British Government's conscience—were being spared for temporary housing. The demolition would go on.

A threat of social boycott of the British does not seem to have been taken very seriously. It is not thought that the boycott will be carried further than an avoidance of the Anglo-German clubs and discussion centres.

Starting before noon, heavy detonations were heard at half-hourly intervals from the Eastern group of buildings near the Surenford Village. Twenty men belonging to a German firm have been removing doors and other fittings from the buildings to be demolished, despite a trade union ban on work at the station.—Reuter.

THEY LEARN ENGLISH

Frankfurt, December 7. German pedigree dogs, destined for South Africa and the United States, are being trained to obey English orders at a dog-breeding centre at Lembrück, Western Germany.—Reuter.

U.K. Talks With Ten Nations

London, December 7.

A Norwegian trade and financial delegation started talks here today on Anglo-Norwegian trade and payments during 1949. This brings the number of trade and financial talks in which Britain is now engaged up to 10.

The Norwegian delegation, which expects the talks to last 10 days, is led by an official of the Norwegian Ministry of Commerce. The visible Norwegian trade balance for 1948 was authoritatively described tonight as being almost ludicrously in Britain's favour. The invisible balance was, however, said to be very much in favour of Norway, due to the character of Norwegian merchant ships to British firms. It was also stated that the visible balance, as put out in official British trade returns, was very misleading, since these returns include in the total of vehicles exported to Norway a number of ships built in Britain for Norwegian shipowners and paid for out of Norway's war-time accumulated sterling balances.

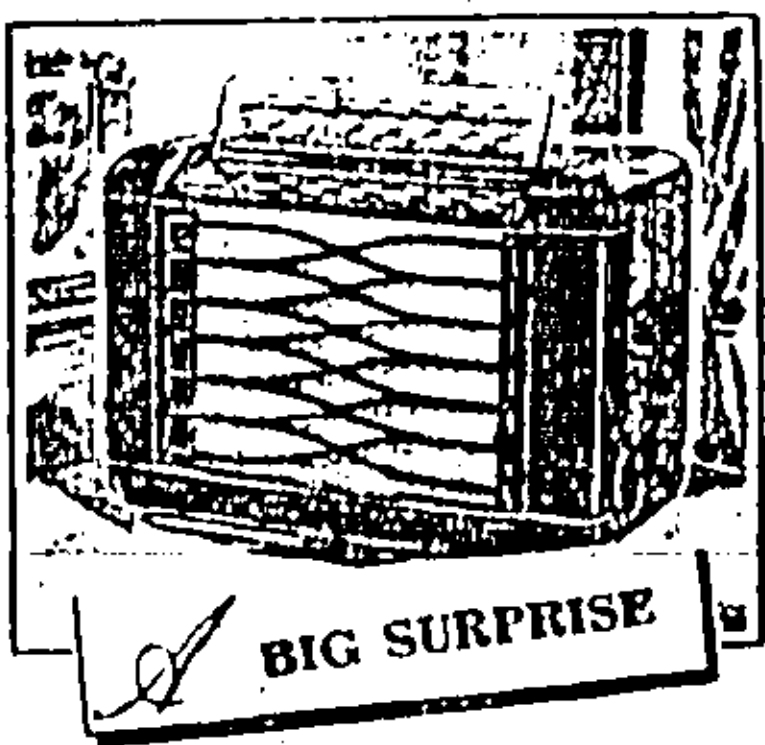
Norway is understood to be offering Britain mainly timber and wood pulp and to be asking chiefly for coal, coke and steel.

U.S. JUSTICE APPLAUDED

Washington, December 7.

The Post today applauded Supreme Court Justice Jackson's decision to block the tie vote on whether to review the Japanese appeals.

"It would have been tragic," said the Post, "if an evenly-divided court had declined to hear on issue of this sort. Men would have gone to the gallows under circumstances casting serious doubt upon the validity of their condemnation. Apart from the legal issue involved, it seems to us highly desirable to have the Supreme Court examine any feature of the case that may be properly laid before it."—United Press.



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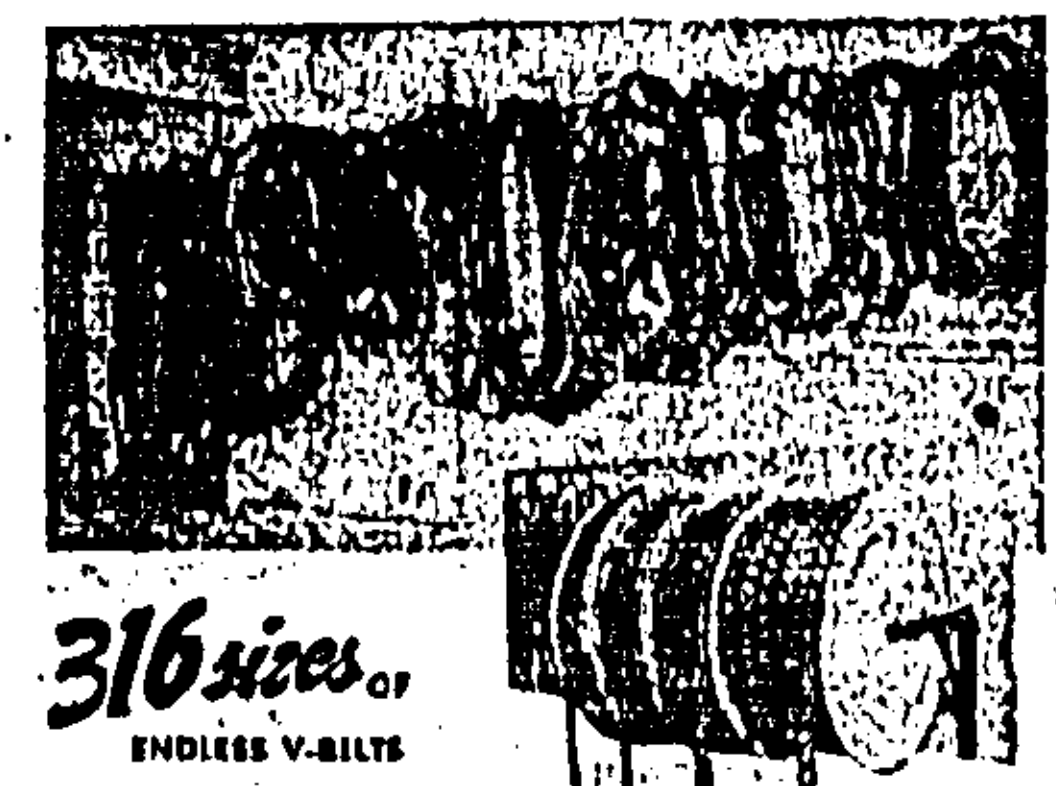
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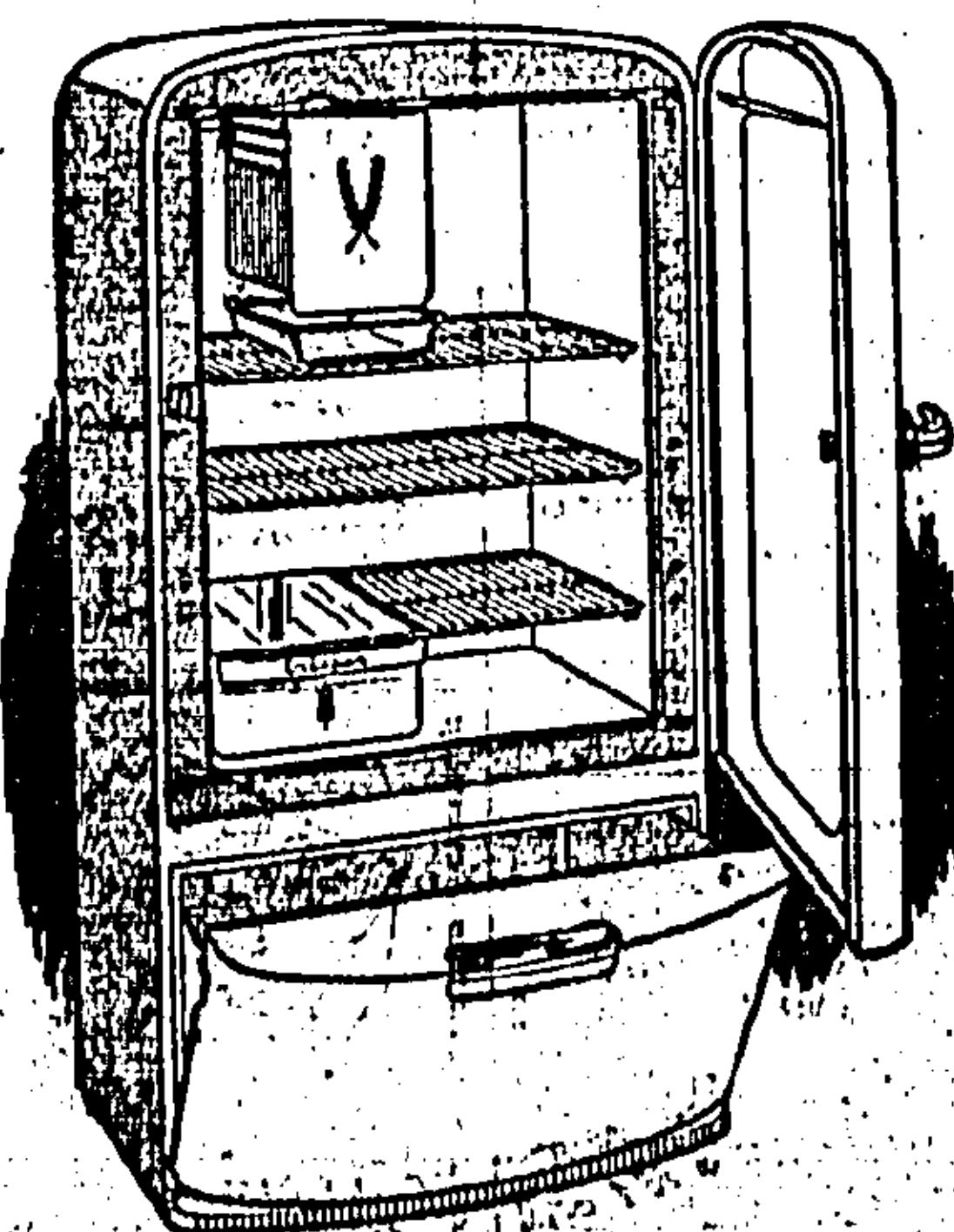
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Shanghai, December 8.

From refugees fleeing from rural areas in North
Kiangsu, Shanghai is beginning to get an
idea what the city would be like under Red
domination.

It would be a city of rigid regimentation, free love,
broken families and an end to personal free-
dom.

Refugees tell stories of how the Reds have almost com-
pletely abolished the housewife
class. Every woman must
work—including shoe-making
for the Red troops, which is
considered to be light duty
even for aged grandmothers.

Nurseries are established in
which parents are forced to leave
their children daily for Red in-
struction. In some nurseries the
infant mortality is high and
babies and children are crowded
under unsanitary conditions.
Skin diseases and communicable
diseases are rampant.

The ancient Chinese moral
code—chastity, filial piety and
respect for the aged—have gone
out of the window.

Lottery Weddings

Unmarried men and women
are forced to take part in
lottery weddings. Married
couples are separated and
forced to marry again. Older
children are placed in board-
ing schools for regimented
indoctrination.

The case was cited of one 15-
year-old boy who was recently
brought to Shanghai after 18
months of Red teaching in North
Kiangsu. The boy refused to at-
tend Shanghai schools, deciding
free classes. He refused being
returned to what he called his re-
actionary parents.

Glubb Pasha Story Denied

London, December 7.

The Secretary for War, Mr.
Emanuel Shinwell, repudiated in
the House of Commons today
a suggestion that he is helping
the Foreign Office to connive
for Glubb Pasha to lead a war
of aggression.

"This soldier is not on the War
Office list, and therefore I have
no control over him," Mr. Shin-
well added. Mr. Shinwell said
Brigadier Glubb was no longer
a member of the Regular Army
Reserve of Officers.

Mr. Shinwell added that when
Transjordan ceased to be British
mandated territory in 1946, Glubb
Pasha remained there with the
concurrence of the Army Coun-
cil, although he ceased to be
liable for recall.—Reuter.

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PAL Got A Pay Increase

Manila, December 8.
Philippine Air Lines
employees have been granted
20 per cent pay in-
crease. Colonel Andres
Soriano, President and
General Manager of the
airlines, announced.

The decision was reached
following a conference
between the management,
Union officials and the
Secretary of Labour, Primi-
tivo Lovina.

The pay increase insured
three years of labour peace
for PAL with the Union
agreeing that no strike will
be called during that
period.—Associated Press.

EVICIONS OF CHINESE

London, December 7.
Britain is awaiting further in-
formation from the Chinese Gov-
ernment on the eviction of
Chinese squatters from land in
Malaya during the recent British
operations against the insurgents,
a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

China recently protested to Brit-
ain about the evictions naming
places which the Foreign Office
could not locate and she has now
been asked for more details.—
Reuter.

Suicide Attempt "To Save Face"

Sarasota, Florida, December 7.

A Japanese butler was near death in a hospital here
today, apparently the victim of fear of losing
face.

Hiroshi Nissida, 52, servant
in the home of wealthy Lewis
van Wezel, threatened to com-
mit suicide several weeks ago
when his employer denied him
the use of the family car.

Then Mr. van Wezel found out
that Nissida had served a jail
sentence in New York for killing
his wife, and he fired the butler.
Last night, Nissida shot himself
in the head.

When the time came for Nis-
sida to leave the house last
night, he refused to go. A friend
of van Wezel, a retired Army
Colonel, B. M. James, came to
take the Japanese to the train
and the butler met him at the
door with a revolver.

When Nissida fired several
shots in the air, Mr. James called
the police.

The police arrived to find
the butler barricaded on the
upper floor of a nearby boat-

house and a two-hour gun
battle followed.

The officers finally tossed tear
gas shells and smoke bombs into
the boat house, and closed in.
They heard one more shot. When
they entered, they found the
Japanese in the smoke-filled
room, one of his own bullets
through his head.—United Press.

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U.N. GIVEN FORMULA FOR PEACE IN KOREA

Paris, December 7.

A formula for peace in Korea, jointly occupied by
Russia and the United States, was laid before
the United Nations Political Committee today
by the Indian delegate, Mr. M. C. Setalvad.

He suggested: 1... Independence for the whole
country in the shortest possible time.

2. A unified Korea without
the American and Soviet zones
as at present.

3. The United Nations should
not be a party to any arrange-
ment which might weaken the
prospects of independence of a
united Korea.

4. The General Assembly
should lend its fullest assistance
to efforts to have conciliation be-
tween the two zones.

Summing up what should be
the next step concerning the fate
of 30 million people, Mr. Setal-
vad urged the Committee to
steer carefully.

He said that it was necessary
they should do nothing direct-
ly or indirectly which might
harden and perpetuate the un-
natural and tragic division of
Korea into regions, each hav-
ing a government which claimed
to be the national government
of Korea.

Long Overdue

Pointing out that India is a
member of the temporary com-
mission, Mr. Setalvad said that
his people had a great admira-
tion for the Koreans, and had
watched with understanding and
sympathy their heroic struggle for
independence from the ruthless
subservience of Japan.

"The independence of Korea is
a long overdue question," he
added. "And my Government will
be always ready to lend its sup-
port to any proposal which will
bring to the people of Korea an
equitable and lasting peace and
independence."

Mr. Setalvad said: "Believing
as we do, that the division of the
Korean people will be disastrous
not only for the future of Korea,
but will jeopardise stability and
peace in the Far East, the Indian
delegation will not look with
favour on any proposal which
may have the effect of widening
the present unfortunate cleavage
between North and South Korea."

"My delegation will scrutinise
the proposals put before the Com-
mittee in the light of these con-
siderations."

"Nearly one-third of our peo-
ple remain in bondage in the
North," he added.

Iron Curtain

Dr. Chang stated "In our Na-
tional Assembly we are keeping
vibrant approximately one-third
of the seats until such time as
elections will be possible in the
North and representatives can be
elected at the polls."

They longed for the day
when there would be a United
Nations Commission in the
North.

Dr. T.F. Tsiang, China, said
that the 38th Parallel—the de-
marcation line between North
and South Korea and the
symbol of the differences between
the Soviet Union and the United
States—was the only barrier to
Korean unity and independence.

"Thanks to their friends and
liberators," Dr. Tsiang added,
"they are not supposed even to
see each other. Between them
an iron curtain has been erected."

The report of the temporary
commission should be approved
by an overwhelming majority—
Reuter.

GERMANS FLEEING FROM RED ZONE

Berlin, December 7.

Germans are fleeing from the Russian occupation
zone to the United States and British zones at
the rate of from 25,000 to 40,000 a month.

To emphasize conditions in
the Russian occupation zone of
Germany, officials pointed to
an announcement that five
Germans had been sentenced
to death by the Russians on
charges of economic sabotage.

They were accused of engaging
in black market operations
with the Western sectors of
Berlin and the Western oc-
cupation zones.

The Russian-licensed news
agency, ADN, announced the
sentences in what appeared to be
a show window trial to terrify
the Germans and to keep them
from trying to deal with the
Western-controlled areas. Three
of the five Germans condemned
to death were sentenced in ab-

sence as they had joined the flow
of escapes to the Western Zones.
In addition to those sentenced
to die, three men were given
prison terms of 15 years and
one was sentenced to 10 years.

General Lucius Clay divulged
the total monthly arrivals of Ger-
mans in the American Zone as
from 20,000 to 30,000. Existed
public safety officials said from
5,000 to 10,000 Germans were
fleeing monthly to the British
Zone.

In addition to this flow of Ger-
mans who seek the safety of de-
mocratic rule, several thousand
refugees from Czechoslovakia,
Poland and other countries be-
hind the iron curtain are reach-
ing the American Zone monthly.
—United Press.

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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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WAITING FOR ME!"

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WAVE OF HOPE SWEEPS OVER NORTHERN CITY

Shanghai, December 8.

A wave of hope, unsubstantiated by any official action or statement here or in Washington, swept Shanghai on its seventh anniversary of Pearl Harbour.

The hope, U.S. Marines would be landed to protect Americans and—in effect—other foreign interests in this one-time international metropolis.

The hope was fed on a welter of rumours and unconfirmed reports from abroad and wishful thinking.

There seemed to be no other topic of conversation in Shanghai. And the city's press, Chinese and foreign, front pages reports, some of them flat and unqualified, that 1,300 Marines

were about to be landed and that the Shanghai Power Company had asked the State Department for protection against possible mob rioting and that some form of protection has been promised. Added to this were reports that billets were being prepared and living quarters on Shanghai's Race Course erected to house the expected force.

"Unthinkable"

But the U.S. Navy said it knew nothing about it, as did the American Consulate.

But one American businessman expressed the feelings of most foreigners—and many Chinese when he said "It is unthinkable that the most powerful nation in the world with the world's mightiest navy a couple of hours away would leave thousands of its own and other foreign nationals stranded in case of emergency."

The question was, would it wait for the emergency or take precautionary steps in advance? Chinese opinion as reflected in the Chinese press was in favour of U.S. Marine protection. Consideration of the nation's sovereignty has receded into the background with the realisation of the imminent dangers and memories of the historical role played by the marines here during the crises of the past 20 years.

1927 Crisis

In 1927, when Chiang Kai-shek at the head of a combined Kuomintang-Communist force marched on the city from the South, Marines were landed to protect what was then the International Settlement. And the Chinese fled to that haven of extrajurisdiction.

Since then a regiment of American Marines was stationed here and in 1932 and 1937 helped maintain order as the Sino-Japanese war raged around the city.

To the Chinese and foreigners heretofore the arrival of the Marines—if and when—would be no new thing. They remember them from before and they remember the sense of security that the Marines always gave the city.—Associated Press.

Beaten With Billiard Cue

Manchester, December 7. William Leslie Quinn, aged 40, of Cheetham, Manchester was at the Manchester Assizes today sentenced to 21 months imprisonment on five charges of ill-treating 11-year-old twins, Barrie and Keith Gray.

The mother of the boys, Mrs. Winifred Thorneycroft, aged 30, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for neglecting them.

Quinn was alleged to have beaten the twins with a billiard cue.—Reuter.

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Washington Silence On Marine Force

Washington, December 7.

Neither the State nor Navy Departments could confirm reports today that a contingent of United States marines was on its way to Shanghai.

They stated, however, that the commander at Tsingtau, the American naval base in North China where 4,850 marines are now stationed, had full authority to make such a move.

The garrison of 3,000 marines stationed in Tsingtau before the current military reverses suffered by the Chinese Government forces was recently reinforced by 1,250 marines from Guam.

A State Department spokesman said: "The United States Commander at Tsingtau has full authority to move his forces in order to protect property and prevent disorders, though there is no word in yet from China indicating that such a move to Shanghai is, in fact, being made."—Reuter.

Tientsin's Worry Over The Future

Tientsin, December 8.

If this North China industrial city falls to the Reds, it may be the first place where the Chinese Communists run up against a considerable number of British and American businessmen.

Also, it may provide an opportunity to see if the U.S. aid programme, designed for the Chinese people, can work in a Red area.

Some U.S. and British businessmen here say now they intend to stay in Tientsin when the Reds take the city but they reserve the right to leave at the last moment.

That reservation is predicated by whether the Reds intend to treat foreigners harshly or bar them from trading.

An ECA official said his organization plans to stay and try to continue the aid programme. Orders from Washington, however, might alter such a plan.

Official sources estimate there are about 35 trading and business firms here in which Americans are interested and approximately 15 with U.S. representatives. The firms deal in such commodities as cars, insurance, rugs, petroleum products, bristles, tobacco, hides and banking.

The British generally are believed to have the largest interests represented here and own considerably more property than the Americans.

Some British firms are agents for American companies.

Trade Hopes

One American businessman estimated there are 30 to 40 Americans and up to 150 Britons who may stay in Tientsin.

No American businessman has said definitely whether he would stay for the Reds or go. Some have already closed their offices and gone. Others left after putting Chinese and other nationals in charge of their firms. Some American actions here puzzle the Chinese.

The National City Bank of New York, for instance, closed its Tientsin branch on December 4, but the Chase National Bank of New York is still open.

Some American businessmen say hopefully that the Reds may allow trade since China—Nationalist or Red—must need foreign exchange. But others, especially those who are convinced that the Chinese Reds are the Moscow type Communists, think foreigners would be ousted or restricted and be unable to trade profitably.

Britons Not So Worried

Americans and British differ in feeling on what their positions will be if they remained. The Americans know their Government aided with the Nationalists and are worried of harsh treatment and reprisal. The Chinese Red radio has not talked kindly about this U.S. aid although much of it eventually fell into Red hands.

The British Government has not aided the Nationalists and Britons are not so concerned on this issue.

Some Americans are certain to stay, such as the American Consul-General, Robert Smyth, and his staff.

There are about 100 Americans still here, including businessmen, Consulate officials, some with dependents, and missionaries. The British number 250. No British firms have closed in the past few months.—Associated Press.

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"TJITALENGKA"	from Macassar & Javaport, 11th Dec.	to Javaport & Macassar, 23rd Dec.
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar & Javaport, 23rd Dec.	to Javaport & Macassar, 30th Jan.
"TASMAN"	from Macassar & Javaport, 30th Jan.	to Javaport & Macassar, 6th Feb.
"TJIBADAK"	In port	to Javaport & Macassar, 3rd Feb.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"TJIKAMPEK"	from Japan & Shanghai, 15th Dec.	to South Africa & South America, 15th Dec.
"TEGILBERG"	In port	to South Africa & South America, 14th Jan.

Transshipment cargo on through to South Africa & South America, 15th Dec.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"TASMAN"	In port	to Singapore, 9th Dec.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Deli & Straits, 26th Dec.	to B. Deli & Straits, 8th Jan.

Transshipment cargo on through to B. Deli & Straits, 26th Dec.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"MOLENAER"	from Europe, 10th Dec.	to Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Manila & Straits, 29th Dec.
"MEERKERK"	from Europe, early Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid Jan.
"RIJNKERK"	from Europe, End Jan.	to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid Feb.

Transshipment cargo on through to B. Deli & Straits, 26th Dec.

Agents: SILVER LINE LTD.

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"SILVERBRIAR"	from U.S. via Pacific Coast, 17th Dec.	to U.S. via Atlantic ports, 18th Dec.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

ECAFE WARNED AGAINST "SOFT" ATTITUDE TOWARDS JAPANESE

Sydney, December 8.

The Philippines delegate to the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East today warned against a soft attitude in the reconstruction of Japan.

Manuel V. Gallego, the delegate, reminded the Commission that no enemy-occupied country suffered so much in the war as did the Philippines under the Japanese.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 7.
Price movements today were small and generally to lower levels. The markets were lifeless and practically devoid of interest. A generally under tendency resulted in a small loss of 1/16 to 1/8 in the 2½% War Loan, and a loss of 1/8 in the 2½% War Loan, and a loss of 1/8 in the 2½% War Loan.

Specialist interest in Anglo-Argentine railway stocks produced small gains in an otherwise lifeless market.

Interest in foreign bonds was small and prices were without major alteration. Mexican railway bonds showed small improvement.

South African mining shares were mainly a little easier. London and Cape operators were reluctant to enter into fresh commitments in view of the uncertain political situation within the Union.

TEA SHARES:
Assam Consolidated Tea, 21/8
Assam Frontier Tea, 21/8
Assam Tea Company, 21/8
Dooer Tea Company, 21/8
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co., 21/8
Imperial Tea Company, 21/8

MINE SHARES:
Borneo Corp., 21/8
Crown Mines, 21/8
Nundrook Mines, 21/8
Rand Mines, 21/8
Spring Mines, 21/8
Bull. Black, 21/8
Troyer Tin Co., 21/8
Union Corporation, 21/8

OIL SHARES:
Royal Dutch Co., 21/8
Shell Transport & Trading Co., 21/8
P. & O. Steam Nav. Co., 21/8
GILDED GOLD:
Fidelity Loan, 21/8
National War Bonds, 21/8

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"SHENGKING" Shanghai, 4 p.m. 10th Dec.
"YUNNAN" Kobe, 4 p.m. 13th Dec.
"HANYANG" Saitama, 4 p.m. 13th Dec.
"HEINRICH JESSEN" Singapore & Penang, 4 p.m. 16th Dec.
"HUNAN" Incheon, Tientsin, 4 p.m. 17th Dec.
"FOOCHOW" Kobe, 4 p.m. 19th Dec.
"POYANG" Bangkok, 4 p.m. 19th Dec.
"SHENGKING" Shanghai, 4 p.m. 21st Dec.

ARRIVALS FROM

"PAIHOT" Singapore, 10th Dec.
"HANYANG" Shanghai, 9 a.m. 10th Dec.
"HUNAN" Tientsin, about 13th Dec.
"NANCHANG" Korea, 13th Dec.
"FOOCHOW" Java & Singapore, 17th Dec.
"SHENGKING" Shanghai & Keelung, 7 a.m. 18th Dec.
"NINGHAI" Samarinda & Sandakan, 18th Dec.

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Agents: BLUE FUNNEL LINE

U.K. SERVICE

Arrivals from

"ATREUS" U.K. via Straits 15th Dec.
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"ATREUS" U.K. via Straits 30th Dec.
"ATREUS" U.K. via Straits 31st Dec.

Sailings to

"SARPEDON" Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said 19th Dec.
"AGAPENOR" Liverpool & Glasgow via Port Said 1st week Jan.

NEW YORK SERVICE

Arrivals from

"RHEXENOR" U.S.A. via Manila & Shanghai 2nd Jan.
Carriers option to proceed via other Ports to load & discharge cargo.

Agents: Australian-Oriental Line, Ltd.

Sailings to

"YUNNAN" Sydney, Auckland & Wellington via Japan 4 p.m. 13th Dec.
"SOOCHOW" Sydney, Melbourne & Brisbane 2nd Jan.

Arrivals from

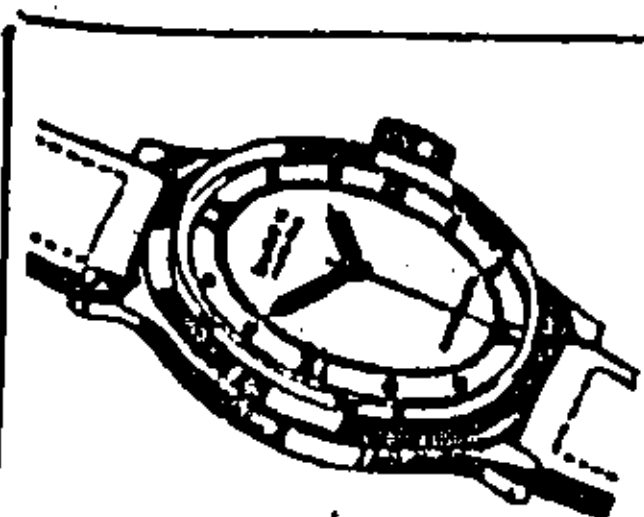
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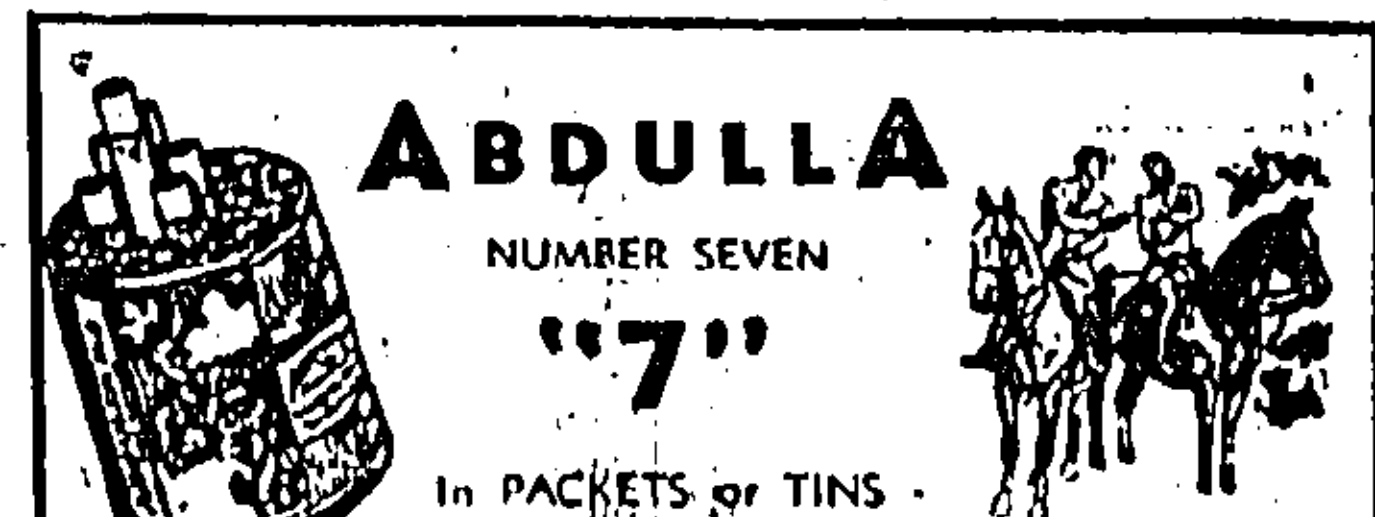


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Programme

The following programme of free soccer coaching by Mr. Eric Keen has been arranged for the week commencing December 13, between the hours of 5 and 7 p.m. daily:

Monday—Boundary Street ground.

Tuesday—Club ground.

Wednesday—Caroline Hill ground.

Thursday—Club ground.

Friday—Navy ground.

Teams For
Governor's
Cup Match

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation against the Hong Kong Football Association, in the Governor's Cup Soccer match at Boundary Street on Sunday next:

Yu Yau-tak (S. China "A"), Han Yung-sang (S. China "A"), Lee Kam-hung (S. China "A"), Chan Man-shu (K.M.B.), Soong Lung-sun (S. China "A"), Lau Chung-sang (S. China "A"), Ho Yau-tun (S. China "A"), Chan Kam-tai (S. China "A"), Chu Wing-kung (S. China "A"), Lau Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Li Tai-fai (K.M.B.).

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(By 'ALCYDES')

On Saturday, the residue of the minor clubs are interested in the Second Round proper of the F.A. Cup. The survivors will then go into the hat and take their chance with the First and Second Division clubs to decide Round Three. The First and Second Leaguers have a full programme and most of these Clubs will have completed half of their fixtures—21 games.

Leaders Derby County have a hard game with Stoke City on the latter's Victoria Ground. The home team triumphed last season and at the moment are serving up attractive football. So good is their form that they now are in sixth place.

Derby have lost their last two away games (Newcastle 3-0 and Manchester City 2-1) and rather think they will lose on Saturday. The Potters have lost only one home game (Preston 2-1) and their last home game resulted in a convincing victory against Liverpool (3-0).

Portsmouth, in second place by virtue of a superior goal average to Newcastle, have a hard home game against Manchester United. Normally Pompey are a steady home team (three home reverses last season) but one of the teams they cannot seem to beat is the Manchester side.

Last year and the season before the Lancashire team came and went, taking four of Pompey's home points. However when one

hears in mind that the Southerners are in top form and are as yet unbeaten and have conceded only two home goals, there is every reason to believe that Pompey will beat the United this time. What ever happens this week Derby will remain on top for they lead by three clear points.

Upset Likely

Newcastle have a home game with Sheffield United and although the United are not far from this season it will be remembered that there have been two big upsets at St. James' Park this season. They concern the visit of the Muggles and a fine chance of two bottom dogs Preston (2-3) and Huddersfield (2-4). On paper the Muggles stand a fine chance of winning but we may see another home disaster on Tyneside.

West Bromwich Albion suffered a reverse last Saturday to Barnsley which put both Southampton and Spurs within striking distance of the leaders.

The Albion are hosts to Grimsby and are expected to account for the ex-First Division side. Tottenham seem assured of two points against Plymouth but there again, I warned you against the latter in previous notes. Punters would do well to exercise caution when forecasting this match.

Southampton have an easy fixture against struggling Lincoln City. The latter have been beaten at home four times this season, and the Saints are fully expected to inflict a fifth. The last time these teams met at Lincoln was in 1934 when Southampton won 3-1.

Fulham have been experiencing an easy time lately. Recently they had games in London with Brentford (A) Spur (H) and on Saturday they are away to West Ham. Incidentally Fulham have not claimed a victory at Upton Park for more than eight seasons. Judging by the recent form of the Cottagers I think they are in a position to alter events and expect a draw here.

Below are the League fixtures for Saturday. These teams expected to win are shown in capital letters. When a draw is expected both teams remain in ordinary print.

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM v Sunderland.
Burnley v Blackpool.
Cardiff v Arsenal.
Chelsea v WOLVERHAMPTON.
Everton v Bolton.
MANCHESTER C. v Huddersfield.

Middlebrough v ASTON VILLA.
NEWCASTLE v Sheffield U.
PORTSMOUTH v Manchester U.
Preston v LIVERPOOL.
Stoke v Derby Co.

BRENTFORD v Blackburn.
BURY v Notts For.
Chesterfield v Barnsley.
Coltney v Luton.
LEEDS v Queen's Park Rangers.

Leicester v Cardiff.
Lincoln v SOUTHAMPTON.
Sheffield W. v Bradford.
TOTTENHAM v Plymouth.
W.B.A. v Grimsby.

West Ham v Fulham.

SQUASH RACKETS
QUARTER-FINALS

The quarter-finals of the Colony Squash Rackets Open Championship will be played today and tomorrow at the Victoria Squash Courts.

Today, Capt. T. J. Monaghan plays R. W. Franklin at 5.30 p.m., and Instr.-Comd. E. F. R. Dyng, R.N., plays W. H. Lydall at 6 p.m.

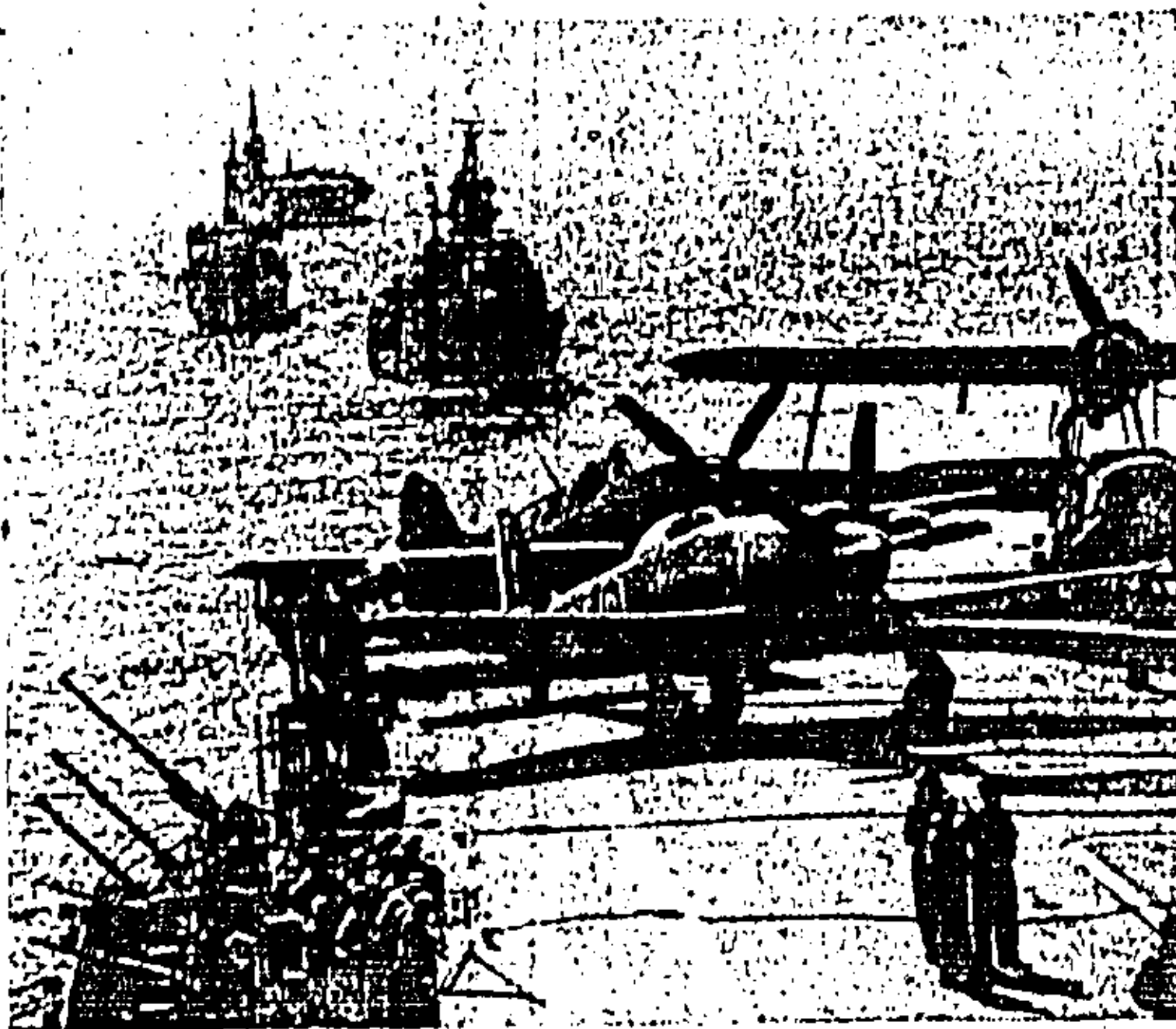
Tomorrow, J. K. Wilson plays Lt. Col. J. S. Vickers at 5.30 p.m., and Comd. (S) F. V. Harrison, R.N., plays N. C. Begley at 6 p.m. The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday.

LAST POW'S TO
GO HOME

Mainz, December 7. The last German prisoners of war held in French captivity will be repatriated by the end of this year.

This will affect, according to the last official figures, 35,000 former German prisoners. About 1,000 prisoners, either charged with or convicted for war crimes committed during the German occupation of France, will be exempted from the repatriation.—Reuter.

Carrier Squadron On Visit



The Third Aircraft Carrier Squadron of the Home Fleet at Table Bay, Cape Town, on a goodwill visit to South African ports. Photograph taken from the control tower of HM Aircraft Carrier "Theseus" as she left Table Bay for manoeuvres off the Cape coast, followed by the destroyer "Corunna", the South African Naval Force Frigate "Natal", and HM Aircraft Carrier "Vengeance".

Classic Lawn Bowls
Game On Saturday

The classic Lawn Bowls event will be played on Saturday at the KBGC between Hong Kong and Kowloon for the Aitkenhead Shield, commencing at 2.15 p.m. sharp. At the conclusion of the game prizes won during the season will be presented.

Six rinks, representing the Island in the First Division, will meet six rinks from the Mainland, while another six from the Second Division will play six from the Mainland.

The draw for the match was made yesterday and resulted in the following:

HONG KONG v. KOWLOON
FIRST DIVISION

Rink 1: M.B. Hassan, A.M. Wahab, S. Yusuf and A.K. Minu (skip) v. J.A. da Luz, J. Fraser, T.A. Madar and E.J. Noronha (skip).

Rink 2: I.M. Omar, B.A. Mansell, K.M. Omar and U.M. Omar (skip) v. E.F. Pope, A.L.G. Eastman, J. Orem and F. Goodwin (skip).

Rink 3: M.I. Razack, W. Hong Sling, A.M. Omar and K.S. Robertson (skip) v. J.M. Forrest, R.F. Marques, F.X. Silva and J. McKelvie (skip).

Rink 4: K.M. Rumjahn, A.J. Hussain, A.R. Minu and U.A. Rumjahn (skip) v. J. Remedios, W. McMaster, R.F. Luz and L. Sykes (skip).

Rink 5: J.W. Leonard, A.A. Razack, A.E. Coates and B.W. Bradbury (skip) v. C. Roza Pereira, F.V.V. Ribeiro, W.C. Simpson and C.S. Rossetto (skip).

Rink 6: M.Y. Adul, J.A.R. Selby, L.A. Collyer and J.S. Landell (skip) v. A.A. Lopes, J.J. Hall, C. Pereira and J.F.V. Ribeiro (skip).

SECOND DIVISION

Rink 1: K. Kinniburgh, S. Carr, H.F. Shields and W. Melrose (skip) v. R.J. Wigginton, A. Steven, J.A. Remedios and G.E.F. Thompson (skip).

Rink 2: D.M.A. Razack, A.R. Razack, S.M. Rumjahn and A.M. Rumjahn (skip) v. W.C. Ogley, G.A. Gutierrez, D.A. Rozario and L.A. Silva (skip).

Rink 3: W. Brace, R.J. Robertson, J. Grant and A. Jilott (skip) v. T. Tindall, J. Tibble, H.R. Pina and C.F. Remedios (skip).

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Rink 5: Francis Lee, J. Grindley, L.A. Gutierrez and M.J. Medina (skip) v. L.R. Whant, M.F. Pina, A.M. Alarcon and F.X. Soares (skip).

Rink 6: J.H. Xavier, J. O'Grady, A.H. Rumjahn and A.J. Coelho (skip) v. L.S. da Silva, R.S. Capelli, G.A. Noronha and A.E.P. Guest (skip).

MEETING OF
HKFA COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Emergency Sub-committee of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held at the Association's office at 5.15 p.m. today for the following purposes:

(1) To inquire into the sending off the field of play of Ho Yau-kei of C.A.A. during the Senior Division Shield match played on Saturday, December 4.

(2) To inquire into the sending off the field of play of Chan Hing-chuen of C.A.A. during the Junior Division Shield match played on Sunday, December 5.

Registration
Cancelled

Registration of 14 Chinese newspapers was cancelled by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs during the year 1947-48. Eleven Chinese publishers and editors were reprimanded for publishing inaccurate and offensive reports and a manager of a Chinese news agency was reprimanded for circulating misleading reports.

Twenty Chinese newspaper proprietors, publishers, editors and printers were prosecuted for publishing obscene articles. They were convicted and fined.

Thirty-eight of the 79 Chinese newspapers on the register of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs at the end of the 1947-48 financial year, have ceased publication.

TENNIS GAMES
FOR TODAY

The following tennis games will be played at the Ladies Recreation Club today:

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES 4.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Bathurst v Mr. A. V. Lind and Mrs. Eitzen.

MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP (INTER HONG) 4.45 p.m.

Mr. Mackie (Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) v Mr. P. Bonnerman and Mr. F. Beunk (Netherlands Trading Society).

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Oxford Beat Cambridge
In Annual Rugger Match

London, December 7.

Oxford beat Cambridge in the annual inter-Varsity Rugger match at Twickenham today by 14 points (a goal, a dropped goal and two tries) to eight points (a goal and a penalty goal). The match, one of the finest in the series of all time, was played before a wildly excited crowd of 35,000.

No quarter was given by either side and these students showed how rugby football should be played, although a high and gusty wind made conditions difficult.

Oxford, playing with the wind in the first half, led by 11 points to nil, but the Light Blues, far from being beaten, made a determined come-back when the teams changed ends, and in a hectic 20 minutes they reduced the lead to 11-8.

It was now anyone's game but a brilliant try, which will ever be remembered on this famous ground, by the South African three-quarter, C.B. Van Ryneveld, who dribbled 70 yards to go over spectacularly, increased Oxford's lead.

Cambridge, however, were still far from beaten and when the whistle went it was they who were on the attack.

Oxford were supposed to be weak at half, for which reason Cambridge started slight favourites, but it was the strength of the half back division, notably the brilliance of the South African stand-off half, M. Hofmeyr, which just weighed the scales in the balance to Oxford.

Empire Players

The Dark Blues were also splendidly served by their other Empire players, with R. Stewart of New Zealand at full back in tremendous form.

For the Light Blues, W. B. Holmes was also a great full back, while J.A.G. Williams, a Welshman, was brilliant at forward.

This was how the scoring went. In the fourth minute the South African Hofmeyr coolly dropped a lovely goal from between 40 and 50 yards.

It was the same player who initiated the movement which enabled the Oxford forward, K. Gill to cross the Cambridge line in the 21st minute. Stewart added the points from an awkward angle.

Amazing Dribble

In the 28th minute the English international, Gwyn Davies, at stand-off half, ran 30 yards to touch down for Cambridge, and Holmes added the points. This score came in the 10th minute, after Cambridge had been attacking strongly.

Seven minutes later, Holmes kicked a penalty for Cambridge to make the score 11-8, then in the 32nd minute came the amazing dribble by Van Ryneveld to make the score 14-8.—Reuter.

Boxing Writers Irked
At Britain's Foul Rule

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U.S. Aid For
Palestine
Refugees

Washington, December 7.

President Truman will recommend to Congress that the United States contribute up to \$10,000,000 for the relief of refugees from the Palestine fighting.

Reports placed the number of refugees at between 400,000 and 500,000. Most of them are said to be living under conditions of famine and aquar in Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Transjordan and the neighbouring countries.

The President's decision follows the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly on November 19, of a resolution calling for assistance to the refugees.

The President's recommendation calls for the United States to contribute 50 per cent of the total relief funds required but in no case more than \$10,000,000 shall be the share of the United States.

A White House announcement said the recommendation would be made in the earnest hope that other countries will meet the remainder of the total required.

It was emphasized that Congress must approve the contribution before any American funds become available.—Reuter.

Sinister
Memory Of
December 8

Manila, December 8.

The Secretary of National Defence, Ruperto Kangleon, said in a statement on the seventh anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor:

"To us in the Philippines, every December 8 brings a sinister memory and warning that preparedness at all times is the best policy, in face of another menace to world peace."

Mr. Kangleon called for the support of the United Nations in furthering the cause of peace against a minority that is bent on disrupting peace won after so much blood and destruction.

Major-General Jonathan W. Anderson, commanding general of Philippine Command, called for determination "to keep ourselves strong and ready to meet any threat against the Philippines."

Three persons who escaped to the Western Zones of Germany were also sentenced to death in absentia. Three more were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment and another to 10 years.—Reuter.

SUBMARINE HAS
ROUGH TIME

Plymouth, December 7.

The submarine Alliance, which is taking part in the Home Fleet exercises, is putting into the Azores because of injuries received by her crew during heavy seas.

The Plymouth headquarters stated the men are not believed to be badly hurt.

All the vessels taking part in the exercise are experiencing rough seas.—Reuter.

IRC 1st TEAM

The following will represent IRC 1st XI in a League cricket match against University at home on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m.:

A. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. El Arcuili, J. A. K. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Khan, A. R. Kitchell, A. H. Madar, K. Nazarin, I. M. Omar, M. I. Razack and A. R. Sufiad.

Umpire: G. M. Butt.
Scorer: A. M. Wahab.

IRC 2nd TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against the KCC at Cox's Road, Kowloon, on Saturday:

A. H. Baker, I. Ali, S. Abbas, T. A. Ebrahim, S. K. Khan, E. H. Ismail, M. A. Wahab Sr., M. A. Wahab Jr., A. K. Markar, M. Notiwalla, A. R. Razack, 12th man: M. Samy.

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Yuan Censures
Dr. Soong Again

Nanking, December 8.

The Control Yuan today filed a second bill of censure against Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung and brother of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, within the past two months.

It accused Dr. Soong of using public funds for the purchase of a Piper Cub and building airstrips throughout Kwangtung Province.

The first bill charged Dr. Soong with alleged purchase of Hong Kong dollars on the eve of China's national currency reform.

The Yuan pointed out the aircraft purchased was of no value to national defence. It said Dr. Soong had no authority to order airstrips built without the consent of the central authorities.

The bill has been submitted to the Executive Yuan. If the latter concurs with the findings of the Control Yuan, Dr. Soong may be relieved of his position.—Associated Press.

Serious
Banditry
In South

Canton, December 8.

News of serious "banditry" in one area of Northern Kwangtung and in another along the East River has reached Canton.

Strong forces of "bandits" have occupied considerable hilly country close to a village in the Yangshan district of Northern Kwangtung.

The marauders are indulging in widespread pillaging, in addition to heavily taxing passing travellers and road transport.

Some 600 "bandits" are also operating in the Eastern sector of the East River district of Pilo, where they are robbing villages and other people.

The "bandits" here are preventing villagers from paying the Government taxes.—Reuter.

REDS HAND OUT
DEATH SENTENCE

Glauchun, December 7.

Two German Provincial Government officials and three German textile industrialists were sentenced to death today. They and others were alleged to have illegally hoarded large quantities of textiles, sabotaging the Soviet Zone two-year plan.

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LOCAL RUGBY
TEAMS

For their match against the R.A.F. and Police on Saturday, the Navy have Matheson back to full back. His place in the pack, which is otherwise unchanged, is taken by Corporal Sully of London.

Daiglish, who was concussed last Saturday, in not certain to be fit and a reserve has been nominated.

Of the backs, Jones is crooked and Kidd has gone away. Mittelstrauss returns to the team at Stand Off and there are three newcomers in Spencer and Kemp of